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Expert: Military health system not adequate

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The military mental health system failed Sgt. John M. Russell, and it failed the five men he allegedly killed, according to mental health expert Robert Goodale.

It's too early to know exactly who is to blame for the killings, but mental health resources for troops are "not adequate," said Goodale, director of behavioral mental health with the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Citizen-Soldier Support Program.

Goodale said he doesn't know if the Army "broke" Russell, as the soldier's father contended in a television interview on Tuesday. The facts are still being determined.

"Certainly the stresses must have contributed greatly to his mental state," he said. "What it might be is the straw that broke the camel's back."

Goodale said military mental health services are a lot better than they have been in the past and cited the effort the military is making to improve those services. However, he said military culture still sees getting help as a sign of weakness.

"They don't want to be seen as weak, so they stuff it and stuff it

and it pops out," said Goodale, who had worked previously with Navy Cmdr. Charles Springle, a fellow mental health professional and one of the victims.

Russell, based in Bamberg, Germany, has been charged in the Monday deaths of five fellow servicemembers after he allegedly wrested a gun from an armed escort as he was being removed from the mental health clinic and then re-

turned to the clinic and opened fire, according to The Associated Press.

Russell's father, Wilburn Russell, said Tuesday that his son was undergoing stressful mental tests that he didn't understand were merely tests. "so they broke him."

The mental health clinic in Baghdad did more harm than good for Russell, his dad told Texas TV station KXII.

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Victims of fatal shootings at Camp Liberty stress center mourned

BY GEOFF ZIEZULEWICZ
Stars and Stripes

The MySpace note written by a comrade in arms of Pfc. Michael Yates said it all.

"In this life we live we expect to lose brothers, but not at the hands of our siblings."

Yates and four others were killed Monday at Camp Liberty in Iraq when Army Sgt. John M. Russell allegedly opened fire

at a combat stress control center.

While the military scrambles to find out what might have set Russell off, five families are left to mourn those killed. Yates, who was with the 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, 172nd Infantry Brigade out of Grafenwöhr, Germany, was seeking help at the center.

Navy Cmdr. Charles Springle, 52, and Army reservist Maj. Matthew Houseal, 54, two of the other shooting victims, were

there to help.

The two other victims, named late Wednesday, are Sgt. Christian E. Bueno-Galdos, 25, of Paterson, N.J., and Spc. Jacob D. Barton, 20, of Lenox, Mo.

Bueno-Galdos, like Yates, was assigned to 3rd Battalion, 66th Armor Regiment, but little biographical information about him was available Wednesday. Barton was with the 277th Engineer Company, 420th Engineer Brigade, out of Waco, Texas.

“The name is mike and i am in the US army,” reads the “About Me” blurb on Michael Yates’ MySpace page. “I am stationed in Germany!! I am currently doing a tour in a Screwed up country they call Iraq. My job title is a scout. There are two jobs in the military Killers (Combat arms) or the ones that wish they were.”

The 19-year-old private first class had a baby son named Kamren.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Squeezing the force on the backs of our own people is over. Even though we shrunk the force by 40,000, we didn't save a hell of a lot of money."

— Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz at a town hall meeting at Yokota Air Base

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GOP takes swing at defense budget

By LEO SHANE III
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WASHINGTON — House Republicans launched their first formal attacks on the fiscal 2010 defense budget Wednesday, as Defense Secretary Robert Gates and his staff defended their "reform budget" proposal at the Capitol.

Last week Pentagon officials unveiled details of the \$663-billion-plus plan, including more specifics on cuts to major weapons systems announced in February. The proposal starts to move some costs connected to overseas operations into the annual base budget, and puts more emphasis on counterinsurgency operations than past plans.

But Republicans on the House Armed Services Committee argued Gates has provided few specific justifications for his sweeping changes and imposed

what lawmakers called "gag orders" on budget planners to prevent them from discussing details of the process before this week.

"While it's undeniable that you're taking the department in a different direction, the problem is that the Congress has not had the benefit of reviewing the analysis and data to determine how your decisions will take the department in the best direction possible," committee ranking member Rep. John McHugh, R-N.Y., told Gates.

The Defense Secretary was unapologetic. Upcoming hearings will provide time to explain and justify the moves, he said, and Congress' role in the budgeting process doesn't begin until after the White House and Pentagon set their priorities.

"The only reason [lawmakers] have been included earlier in the past is because that building leaks like a sieve," Gates said. "It

seemed to me to have a coherent approach we needed to be able to do that without any leaks."

The House and Senate usually begin their budget review in February, but the inauguration and the changes proposed by Gates delayed the process by three months. Hearings with the service chiefs and key Pentagon personnel on the budget usually start in March, but now will be on a compressed schedule.

Gates reiterated Wednesday that the budget was constructed to meet future strategic needs, not to meet fiscal targets or savings.

But GOP lawmakers questioned that, saying that defense officials still haven't provided them with the future years' projections and unfunded mandates lists that typically accompany the budget. McHugh called it "a series of decisions whose only unifying theme is that the aggregate

fits within the top line."

Rep. Frank LoBiondo, R-N.J., said plans to stop building F-22 Raptors and cut back the planned F-35 Joint Strike Fighter fleet could jeopardize Air Force and Air Guard readiness. Rep. Michael Turner, R-Ohio, argued that "by cutting future programs, we're cutting our ingenuity."

Democrats on the committee were more accommodating, but hinted that they expected more information and cooperation from the Pentagon in coming weeks.

Gates promised that his staff has been told to work with Congress and "speak with candor" now that the budget documents are public. Lawmakers said they're optimistic that the budget can be approved by the start of fiscal 2010, Oct. 1.

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Russell: Soldier had many stresses at home

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"The purpose of the stress clinic is to find out what will break your spirit, what will break your will and one way to do it is to tell them, 'That's it. You don't belong in the military. Get out of here,'" Wilburn Russell told the TV station.

The military, however, refused to discuss Wilburn Russell's comments because the incident is under investigation.

"Until those facts are brought out, I would not be able to address that type of question," Lt. Col. David Patterson, a spokesman with Multi-National Corps-Iraq, said Wednesday.

Patterson refrained from discussing specifics on why Russell — with just weeks left on his deployment — was not medically evacuated from Iraq when his chain of command became concerned with his behavior.

For a common mental health issue in a noncrisis situation, individuals would only be medically evacuated from a deployed environment after they underwent treatment downrange and it was

determined that they needed to be transferred to the next level of care for continued treatment, said Dr. Daphne Brown, chief of the behavioral health division at Landstuhl Regional Medical Center in Germany. Brown did not want to specifically address the Russell case.

The Landstuhl hospital is a stopover for troubled troops from downrange being treated for mental health issues.

Russell, 44, was on his third tour in Iraq and had been deployed twice before to other locations.

Four soldiers, including two from the Grafenwöhr, Germany-based 172nd Infantry Brigade, and one sailor died after the incident at Camp Liberty. Russell was taken into custody.

Russell, assigned to the 54th Engineer Battalion, has been charged with five counts of murder and one count of aggravated assault in the shootings, the AP reported.

As a result of the shootings, the Army has launched an investigation to determine if it needs more people and facilities downrange to deal with combat stress.

Russell had several stresses,

his father told the news station. Russell had a house built last summer in Sherman, Texas; is paying a \$1,500-a-month mortgage, has a father-in-law sick with cancer; has a son with cysts on his liver; and his own father recently underwent surgery to receive an artificial stomach.

According to The Associated Press, when Russell's ex-wife sued for divorce in 1991 she obtained a temporary restraining order against him and an order withholding earnings for child support.

In an affidavit attached to the divorce petition, Denise Russell said her husband had committed "acts of family violence" and should be barred from coming within 200 yards of her or their son, then 2 years old. The document specifically cited an incident in which John Russell allegedly took the child after a confrontation with Denise Russell's mother, the AP reported.

"During this time, respondent physically attacked my mother, age 58, hitting her on the shoulders and about the head," the affidavit stated.

According to the AP, a month after the divorce decree was issued in 1993, Russell was charged with misdemeanor assault by threats, Grayson County online records show. The matter is listed in the records as being "quashed" later that year.

Jack McGowen, listed as Russell's attorney for the divorce as well as the threat case, told the AP on Tuesday he couldn't recall either matter.

At least since 2003, soldiers have been given health screenings both before and after deployments. In 2005, the Army began using post-deployment health reassessments to screen soldiers about three to four months after they return from war zones. The process for the follow-up reassessments has soldiers undergoing stress resiliency training, filling out forms asking about physical and behavioral health concerns and speaking one-on-one with health care providers, according to an Army news release.

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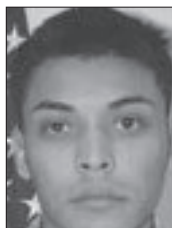


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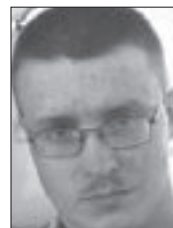


Bueno-Galdos

Lives lost: Grieving a war zone tragedy



Springle



Barton

Deaths: 5 slain are saluted, mourned as combat casualties

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Yates' stepfather, Richard Van Blargan Jr., told The Washington Post that his son was being counseled at the center after a "couple of altercations" and recently returned to Iraq from home leave last month.

Yates told his family of someone in his eight-member counseling group — whom Van Blargan took to be Russell — who "really seemed like he was out in left field," "a fairly decent guy" but who "had some major issues."

Yates called Federalsburg, Md., home and was one of the nine children brought together when Van Blargan and Yates' mother, Shawna Machlinski, got married. He was one of four siblings to join the military, and did so at 17.

The grief is apparent on Yates' MySpace page.

"As you know tim carried you to the plane today...he said that he was so sadend...he said that he couldnt be strong enough and not cry...he says as he was carrying (sic) you he cried so hard tears were rolling down his face hitting the flag...your going to be missed by all ...," reads one comment by a woman named Angie.

"Mikey please answer this," a 17-year-old named Dara writes. "We need you Mikey."

A shock to the unit

Lt. Col. Eric Stetson, the 172nd Rear Detachment commander, said Wednesday that the news of the deaths of Yates and Bueno-Galdos came as a shock to the unit's soldiers.

"We normally don't have a lot of soldiers at all in Baghdad. We only had these two soldiers at the combat stress center and it is just tragic that it happened in that way."

"The loss of any soldier is a tragedy but you just don't expect it to happen this way," he said.

The brigade will approach the loss of the men the same way it would handle combat casualties, Stetson said.

"They have fallen on the battlefield. The exact nature of how they have fallen doesn't really matter. These soldiers died doing their duty, deployed, away from home and serving their nation."

"They will be handled the same way as other soldiers [who die in combat]. We owe that to them," he said.

Memorial services for the soldiers will be held in Iraq on Saturday, he said.

'Hard-charging' noncom

Bueno-Galdos had a reputation as a "hard-charging" noncommissioned officer who took the initiative.

"He was a key player helping the brigade move to Grafenwöhr," Stetson added.

Springle was better known as "Keith."

The 52-year-old was based at Camp Lejeune, N.C., and did a lot of work with reservists who need help and "don't return to Bragg," according to Robert Goodale, who worked with Springle at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill's Citizen-Soldier Support Program.

Goodale said in a phone interview Wednesday that he met Springle last year and they worked together trying to bridge the gap between civilian and military men-



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John Russell II, 20, takes off his hat and looks down at a photo of his father, U.S. Army Sgt. John Russell, in front of the home his father purchased in Sherman, Texas, on Tuesday. Russell Sr. is accused of killing five fellow troops at their camp in Iraq.

tal health care.

Springle helped develop a daylong course that helped North Carolina medical providers better deal with mental health issues in returning troops, Goodale said.

'Important work'

"This was something he did because he knew it was important work," Goodale said of his friend. "It's also very difficult work."

Springle was married and had two sons, including one who had just returned from an Iraq deployment last fall, Goodale said.

"He was a joy to be around," Goodale

said. "He was fun, upbeat. He answered all questions candidly and had a lot of experience."

"I was looking forward to seeing him in the fall."

Matthew Houseal was an Army reservist who called Amarillo, Texas, home, according to a report in the Amarillo Globe-News.

The 54-year-old psychiatrist worked at the Texas Panhandle Mental Health and Mental Retardation since 1997, spokesman Jim Womack said.

"He would spend however long it took with somebody to assess them," Womack said. "He was completely dedicated to his

patients."

Potter County Judge Arthur Ware knew Houseal through mental health patient referrals.

"He was a very fine doctor that was always doing everything he could to help those who had a mental disorder," Ware said in the Globe-News report. "I've heard nothing but praise of him."

"Somebody ended not only his life but ends that ability for him to help the people that help others with mental disorders."

'Defined by actions'

Another who, like Yates, sought help at the center was Barton, whose mother recently died, according to Capt. Mary Aaron, a spokeswoman for the 416th Theater Engineer Command, out of Darien, Ill. A memorial service will be held Thursday in Iraq.

Barton was attached to the 277th Engineer Company, 420th Engineer Brigade, but his actual assigned company was the 955th Engineer Company out of Missouri. A construction equipment mechanic, he leaves a grandmother and sister.

Barton was a construction equipment repairer and worked in the company's maintenance platoon, officials said. He enjoyed computer games and chatting online with his sister.

"A man's character is defined by his actions, and Pfc. Jacob Barton, although a young man, is a man we should look to as an example for ourselves and our children ... We are shocked and saddened by his loss, and ask all of you to keep Jacob's grandmother and sister in your thoughts and prayers," 46th Engineer Battalion Commander Lt. Col. Matthew Zajac said in a statement released from Baghdad.

"Pfc. Barton was never disrespectful. He totally matured during the time he was with us," said Sgt. Piotr Szczepaniak, Barton's team leader. "You could never get angry with this guy. He was just a real good guy. I hope he's in a better place."

'A little stinker'

Margie Antal-Green, a guidance counselor at Barton's elementary school in Salem, Mo., remembers him well. She tutored him twice a week and still drives past his house in Lenox every day on her way to work.

"I remember Jacob when he was in third, fourth, fifth, sixth. ... He was an extremely intelligent young person. Oh yeah, he was an extremely bright little stinker. He was a little stinker!" she said, laughing.

"He was really a smart little boy and could probably talk himself out of any situation. The people who knew him are very sad. We were really shocked."

Although Yates was at the center for counseling, his last MySpace update — a day before he died — indicated his hopes for life outside of Liberty and Iraq, and underlines the abruptness with which the deaths occurred.

In his last message, Yates "just had a great conversation with the girl of my dreams," the page reads. "Baby you mean so much to me i miss you and cant wait to come home to you."

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AF chief of staff: No personnel cuts coming

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YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Norton A. Schwartz told a town hall meeting here Wednesday that previous attempts at cutting personnel offered minimal cost savings and, if it were up to him, he'd like see an increase of nearly 20,000 airmen in the service.

Wrapping up his first tour of the Pacific since assuming his post in August, Schwartz talked to airmen at the Taiyo Community Center about some of the current issues — and recent mistakes — affecting the Air Force.

Schwartz addressed the recently released defense budget and the cuts made to many Air Force programs, including ending production of the F-22 Raptor.

"The truth of the matter is that the [nation's economy] is suffering a little bit," he said, explaining that the Air Force is "trying to make the hard choices" to save money.

One thing the service won't be cutting back on is manpower, Schwartz said, speaking of plans to return the active-duty force to 332,000 personnel after earlier plans to cut back to 316,000 personnel were aborted.

"Squeezing the force on the backs of our own people is over," he said. "Even though we shrunk the force by 40,000, we didn't save a hell of a lot of money."

But even at 332,000, the Air Force

will still be short-staffed, Schwartz said, adding that if the money were there, he'd like to get up to 350,000 personnel.

"We'd like to have a zillion dollars to buy whatever we want," he said. "But that's not where we are."

Regarding deployments, Schwartz said, the Air Force is "all in" and will continue to send airmen downrange to support the combat mission.

Responding to a question about the increased need for civilian deployments, he said his stance on being "all in" applies to Air Force personnel regardless of uniform.

Schwartz said that while he can't order Air Force civilians in certain fields to deploy, he highly encourages any civilian willing to deploy to volunteer to do so.

Whether more civilians deploy or not, Schwartz made one thing clear to the audience: "We'll do what is necessary, we'll do what's needed, and we'll do it as long as we have to."

He also touched on some of the problems within the Air Force that led to him being named chief of staff.

"[I] came to this job somewhat unexpectedly," he said, opening the way



Schwartz

for his remarks about the August 2007 incident that involved nuclear weapons being loaded onto a B-52 and flown from Minot Air Force Base, N.D., to Barksdale Air Force Base, La. "We forgot what is necessary to maintain and secure some of the nation's most lethal weapons."

Contending that the problem is being fixed, Schwartz said there are lessons to be learned from the incident that go beyond the realm of nuclear security.

Airmen need to go by the book and do things the right way, the "Air Force way," he said.

"What we are all about in the Air Force is precision and reliability," Schwartz said. "The lesson from what happened (in 2007) is that in addition to imagination and innovation, there is also compliance."

The general stressed the importance of learning from the mistakes of the past and continuing to improve in the future.

"Our performance will speak for us," he said. "Just like losing nukes for 36 hours spoke for us."

Staff Sgt. Kris Morich, assigned to the munitions flight of the 374th Maintenance Squadron, said he was pleased with the Schwartz's message.

"The topics were much more in depth than I expected," Morich said. "I think it's about time for the more serious tone."

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Airmen question fitness standards

A hot topic during Wednesday's town hall meeting with Gen. Norton A. Schwartz at Yokota Air Base was the Air Force physical fitness test.

"I could do 33 push-ups, 33 sit-ups and run a 15-minute mile and a half. How is that considered fit to fight?" an airman asked the Air Force's chief of staff.

Schwartz said program changes are in the works and will be discussed at a commanders' conference in June at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Ohio.

"We had a program where there was a lot of 'Santa Clausing' going on," he said. However, he added, the proposed moving of the administration of physical fitness tests to outside the chain of command will help eliminate any conflicts of interest within the unit.

The general stressed that in the new system, "there will be consequences" for those who don't meet fitness standards.

Schwartz also said there will be discussion during the June meeting about conducting physical fitness tests twice a year instead of once. Fitness, he said, not only improves readiness but saves the Air Force money in health-care costs.

"We need people to be fit and need to hold them accountable," he said. "But we still need to be fair."

— Bryce Dubee

Atsugi family grows on Web

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Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Japan, recently added features to its Web site to appeal to residents past and present.

Atsugi veterans can now share memories and link up with other former base residents by logging on to "Your Atsugi History," the base's new online historical database, accessible from the Atsugi home page.

Atsugi public affairs officer Tim McGough said the database was created after people assigned to the base 20 years ago requested ways to connect to past friends.

"We thought it would be beneficial to create a site where former NAF Atsugi residents could submit their information to share with others," McGough said in a

news release.

The site also now includes links to the base's official Facebook, MySpace, Twitter, Shutterfly and YouTube pages.

"Being overseas, it is important that we try to cover all communication avenues and attempt to reach various age groups," McGough said.

The base's Web redesign began in January and was part of a Commander Navy Installations Command regional launch that included Navy commands in Diego Garcia, Misawa, Okinawa, Sasebo and Yokosuka.

To visit the Web site, go to <https://www.cnic.navy.mil/Atsugi/index.htm>.

"Your Atsugi History" can be found under "Community" on the home page.



Roughing it

Staff Sgt. John Otfinoski, 27, of Middleton, Conn., hunches down next to a shelter he made during a three-week survival training course with South African forces. Otfinoski was one of three NCOs who roughed it in the South African bush and learned to live off the land from Zulus who serve with South African special operations forces. The NCOs learned to drink the juice from an impala's stomach, to find water by listening for hippopotamus sounds and learned what plants and insects are safe to eat.

Photo courtesy of U.S. ARMY AFRICA

Iwakuni to hold its own 'Amazing Race'

Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni this month will hold its own version of the CBS reality show "The Amazing Race."

Base personnel will compete in timed challenges — physical fitness, stamina, marksmanship, sports ability and mental strength will be important — at the air station on May 22, according to Marine Corps Community Services.

Teams of four adults will have 3½ hours to complete the series of challenges, and the best time will win. The top three teams get prizes, MCCS said.

The deadline to register is May 19. To compete or volunteer, go to mccsiwakuni.com.

Yokosuka to host Asian Pacific heritage festival

Yokosuka Naval Base will hold an Asian Pacific heritage festival outside the commissary on from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 24.

The event will include demonstrations and performances by Polynesian and Maori dancers, Japanese swordsmen, taiko drummers and island musicians. Also on tap is the Santa Cruzan (May Flower) parade from the Philippines.

Black Ship Festival to feature Navy ships

The Shimoda Black Ship Festival will be Friday through Sunday in Shimoda, Japan.

The festival commemorates

U.S. Navy Commodore Matthew Perry's arrival in Shimoda in 1854.

The three-day event will feature participation from the Arleigh Burke-class destroyer USS McCampbell and a speech from Yokosuka Naval Base's commanding officer, Capt. Daniel Weed, as well as fireworks and a parade.

Yokosuka to hold health and safety fair

Yokosuka Naval Base will hold a health and safety fair from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 21 outside the commissary.

The fair is held in preparation of the 101 days of summer with interactive events such as car crash simulators, bike registra-

tion, fingerprinting, earthquake simulator, tire and brake inspection information and tips on how to climb Mount Fuji safely.

U.S., JMSDF sailors to compete at Yokosuka

Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force and American sailors are scheduled to hold an Olympic competition at Yokosuka Naval Base on May 23.

The annual event features swimming, bowling, soccer, volleyball, a 5K race, opening and closing ceremonies.

Commissaries to hold sales on bulk items

Commissaries on U.S. military bases in Japan, Okinawa and

South Korea will hold case lot sales this month.

The events give shoppers the opportunity to save 30 percent or more on bulk items including canned goods, beverages, paper products, cleaning supplies, produce and other items. Call your local commissary for more information.

Case lot sale dates are:

May 15-17: Yokosuka Naval Base (16-17 only), Naval Air Facility Atsugi, Marine Corps Air Station Iwakuni, Misawa Air Base, Kadena Air Base, Camp Carroll, Chinhae Naval Base.

May 22-24: Camp Zama.

May 29-31: Sasebo Naval Base, Yongsan Garrison.

May 30-31: Camp Casey, Camp Red Cloud, Camp Stanley.

From staff reports

Tillman's parents urge review of McChrystal

By LARA JAKES
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The parents of slain U.S. Army Ranger and American football star Pat Tillman said Tuesday they have misgivings that the general who played a role in mischaracterizing their son's death could be put in charge of military operations in Afghanistan.

In a brief interview with The Associated Press, Pat Tillman Sr. accused Lt. Gen. Stanley McChrystal of covering up the circumstances of the 2004 slaying.

"I do believe that guy participated in a falsified homicide investigation," Tillman Sr. said.

Separately, Mary Tillman called it "imperative" that McChrystal's record be carefully considered before he is confirmed.

Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell said Defense Secretary Robert Gates has com-

plete confidence in McChrystal, whom he hopes can be confirmed by the Senate before month's end.



McChrystal

"We feel terrible for what the Tillman family went through, but this matter has been investigated thoroughly by the Pentagon, by the Congress, by outside experts, and all of them have come to the same conclusion: that there was no wrongdoing by Gen. McChrystal," Morrell said.

McChrystal, a former "black ops" special forces chief credited with capturing one of the most-wanted fugitives in Iraq, was tapped Monday to lead U.S. and NATO forces in Afghanistan. If confirmed by

the Senate, he would replace Gen. David McKiernan, who was fired in an unusual wartime shake-up.



Tillman

In April 2004, McChrystal approved paperwork awarding Tillman a Silver Star after he was reported killed by enemy fire, even though McChrystal suspected the Ranger had been killed accidentally by fellow American soldiers, according to Pentagon testimony later obtained by the AP.

The testimony showed that McChrystal sent a memo to top generals imploring "our nation's leaders," specifically the president, to avoid cribbing the "devastating

enemy fire" explanation from the award citation for their speeches. In 2007, the Army overruled a Pentagon recommendation that McChrystal be held accountable for "misleading" actions.

Senate Armed Services' Democratic Chairman Carl Levin "does not foresee any problems with Gen. McChrystal's confirmation" with the committee, a Levin aide said Tuesday.

Sen. John McCain of Arizona, the committee's top Republican, backs the decision to change leadership in Afghanistan and will support McChrystal's nomination, said Brooke Buchanan, a McCain spokeswoman. Tillman was a star member of the Arizona Cardinals National Football League team.

McCain was highly critical of the Army's handling of the Tillman investigation, and in April 2007 he called the service's actions "inexcusable and unconscionable."



MARK HUMPHREY/AP

Former 101st Airborne Division Pfc. Steven Dale Green is escorted to the courthouse on the third day of his trial in Paducah, Ky., on April 29. A federal jury convicted the former soldier on May 7 of raping and fatally shooting a 14-year-old girl after killing her parents and younger sister while he was serving in Iraq.

Witness: Conditions harsh for former GI before Iraq slaying

By BRETT BARROUQUERE
The Associated Press

PADUCAH, Ky. — A former soldier who could be sentenced to death for rape and murder in Iraq had an unusually stressful combat tour in a unit that suffered heavy casualties and didn't get sufficient Army leadership, two former Marine officers testified Wednesday.

Retired Marine Lt. Col. Andrew Horne and former Marine lawyer Gary Solis said stress from combat can impair a soldier's judgment and good leadership is needed to prevent criminal acts.

Both men were called by the defense in the third day of the penalty phase of former Pfc. Steven Dale Green's trial. He was convicted last week of raping and murdering 14-year-old Abeer Qassim al-Janabi and fatally shooting her family in a 2006 attack at their home in Mahmoudiya, Iraq, about 20 miles south of Baghdad.

Horne, of Louisville, reviewed the Army's investigation into the attack, and offered expert assessment of the conditions Green

served in. He told jurors that Green's small unit lost a high number of soldiers in a short time.

Enemy attacks killed two command sergeants, a lieutenant and a specialist in Green's unit during 12 days in December 2005. Jurors have heard testimony that Green's unit was left alone to run a traffic checkpoint for several weeks without a break.

"This unit suffered some of the most extraordinary casualties in a short period of time and were exposed to the worst threats and risk I've seen in my experience," said Horne, who served in Iraq in 2005.

Dr. Pablo Stewart, a psychiatrist at the University of California-San Francisco, told jurors Tuesday that former Pfc. Steven Dale Green exhibited clear signs of post-traumatic stress disorder and acute stress disorder when he met with an Army counselor in December 2005.

Stewart, testifying for Green's defense, said Lt. Col. Karen Marrs gave Green a sleep medication and sent him back into combat.

White House will attempt to block release of detainee abuse photos

By ANNE GEARAN AND JENNIFER LOVEN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama will try to block this month's planned release of photos showing U.S. personnel allegedly abusing prisoners in Iraq and Afghanistan, agreeing with top military commanders' concerns that publicizing the pictures could put American troops in extra danger, a White House official said Wednesday.

Obama decided he "did not feel comfortable" with the release and last week instructed his legal team to fight it in court, said the official, who spoke on the condition of anonymity because the president's decision had not yet been made public.

Obama has instructed administration lawyers to make the case that "the national security implications of such a release have not been fully presented to the court," the official said.

"The president strongly believes that the release of these photos, particularly at this time, would only serve the purpose of inflaming the theaters of war, jeopardizing U.S. forces, and making our job more difficult in places like Iraq and Afghanistan," the official said.

The president informed Gen. Ray Odierno, commander of U.S. troops in Iraq, of his decision during a White House meeting on Tuesday.

Gen. David Petraeus, senior commander for both wars, had also weighed in, as had Gen. David McKiernan, the top general in Afghanistan. Defense Sec-

retary Robert Gates fired McKiernan on Monday for unrelated reasons.

Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell said military "commanders are concerned about the impact the release of these photos would have for the troops in Afghanistan and Iraq," and Gates shares their concerns.

In Afghanistan, release of the pictures this month would coincide with the spring thaw that usually heralds the year's toughest fighting. Morrell also noted the release as scheduled would come as thousands of new U.S. troops flow into Afghanistan's volatile south.

Federal appeals judges have ruled the photos must be released. Through an arrangement with the court, the Pentagon was preparing to release, by May 28, two batches of photos, one of 21 images and another 23. The government also had told the judge it was "processing for release a substantial number of other images."

The American Civil Liberties Union, which is suing the government for the release, criticized the decision. "The decision to suppress the photos is profoundly inconsistent with the promise of transparency that President Obama has made time after time," ACLU lawyer Jameel Jaffer said.

The U.S. official said that Obama believes that the actions depicted in the photos should not be excused and fully supports the investigations, prison sentences, discharges and other punitive measures that have resulted from them.

U.S. gives Pakistan some reins on drones

By JULIAN E. BARNES
AND GREG MILLER
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The U.S. military has begun flying armed Predator drones inside Pakistan and has given Pakistani officers significant control over targets, flight routes and decisions to launch attacks under a new joint operation, according to U.S. officials familiar with the program.

The project was begun in recent weeks to bolster Pakistan's ability and willingness to disrupt militant groups posing a growing threat to the government in Islamabad, Pakistan's capital, and fueling violence in Afghanistan.

For the U.S. military, the missions represent a broad new role in hunting militants inside Paki-

stan. For years, that task has been the domain of the CIA, which has flown its own fleet of Predators over Pakistan.

But under the new partnership, U.S. military drones will be free for the first time to venture beyond the borders of Afghanistan under the direction of Pakistani military officials who are working alongside American counterparts at a command center in Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

U.S. officials said the program is aimed at getting Pakistan, which has frequently protested strikes in its territory as a violation of sovereignty, more directly and deeply engaged in the Predator program.

"This is about building trust," said a senior U.S. military official, speaking on the condition of

anonymity because the program has not been publicly acknowledged. "This is about giving them capabilities they do not currently have to help them defeat this radical extreme element that is in their country."

The Pakistanis, however, have yet to order the drones to shoot at suspected militants and are grappling with a cumbersome military chain of command as well as ambivalence over using U.S. equipment to fire on their own people.

Pakistani President Asif Ali Zardari, on a visit to Washington last week, reiterated his nation's request for its own fleet of Predators. U.S. officials have all but ruled that out and described the new, jointly operated flights as an effective compromise.

2 Afghans among 8 killed after attacks on U.S. bases

Stars and Stripes

An incident that began with rocket fire targeting U.S. bases in eastern Afghanistan has left at least six suspected insurgents and two civilians dead, officials said Tuesday.

According to U.S. Forces Afghanistan, insurgents fired "multiple rockets at Forward Operating Bases Rushmore and Sharana overnight."

The complex attack began shortly after midnight and ended when Coalition Forces responded to disrupt the assault.

Counter-battery fire and aircraft were called in, killing six suspected insurgents. But a news release read, "Regrettably, two individuals not involved in the attack were killed and four others were injured in the battle."

"We are investigating these actions to determine what happened in Paktika," Col. Greg Julian, U.S. Forces Afghanistan spokesman, was quoted as saying. "We take the safety of Afghan civilians very seriously and sincerely regret this loss of life."

Separately, officials said U.S. troops were investigating reports that "a number" of civilians were



NASHANUDDIN KHAN/AP

An Afghan victim of a suicide attack lies on a bed Wednesday, right, as a U.S. medic, rear left, treats another Afghan at Camp Salerno following a suicide attack in Khost province, Afghanistan.

injured when a makeshift bomb was detonated outside of Forward Operating Base Salerno.

Civilian casualties have become one of the crucial issues of the Afghan war.

U.S. airstrikes blamed last week for civilian deaths in Farah province led Afghan President Hamid

Karzai to demand an end to all such strikes in the country.

They were also reportedly a factor in the dismissal of the U.S. Forces Afghanistan commander, Gen. David McKiernan.

Lt. Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal has been named as his successor.

Afghan official: 95 kids killed in U.S. airstrike

By RAHIM FAIEZ
The Associated Press

KABUL — Ninety-five Afghan children are among the 140 people said to have died in a recent U.S.-Taliban battle in western Afghanistan, a lawmaker involved in the investigation into the deaths said Wednesday. The U.S. military disputed the claim, saying the graves they saw looked too small to contain so many victims.

Afghans blame U.S. airstrikes for the deaths and destruction in two villages in Farah province. American officials say the Taliban kept villagers hostage during the fight, and a spokesman said payments to the bereaved offered incentive to exaggerate the death toll.

A list of the dead, with names and ages, was compiled by members of an Afghan government commission based on the testimony of villagers who said their relatives had died, said Obaidullah Helali, a lawmaker from Farah and a member of the government's investigative team. Helali said they consider all those under 18 to be children.

The bodies were buried before the investigation took place, and there are no plans to dig them up.

It was not clear how investigators determined that missing

relatives had been killed and not simply fled the violence.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has said that women and children were among dozens of dead people its teams saw in scattered in the villages in the immediate aftermath of the bombing.

It did not provide an overall figure.

If the Afghan toll is correct, it would be the largest case of civilian deaths since the 2001 U.S.-led invasion to oust the Taliban.

But the U.S. military disputes the number.

U.S. military spokesman Col. Greg Julian said "there is no physical proof that can substantiate" the Afghan list of victims. The U.S. has refused to release a number of people it thinks died in the May 4-5 clash in Farah's Gerani and Ganjabad villages.

Julian said a joint U.S.-Afghan investigation team was taken to three different grave sites a day after the clash — one with four mounds, one with 22 mounds and one mass grave that contained an unknown number of bodies.

"The locals couldn't decide among themselves whether it was 19 or 69 in that mass grave," Julian said.

He added that the dirt displaced from the mass grave seemed to indicate far fewer than 69 bodies were buried there.

Fighting in Pakistan continues, 15 killed

PESHAWAR, Pakistan — Troops secured footholds Wednesday in a Pakistani valley overrun by the Taliban, killing 11 militants and discovering five headless corpses near the region's main town, the army said.

Elsewhere in the turbulent northwest, police said dozens of assailants stormed a transport depot handling supplies for NATO troops in neighboring Afghanistan and torched eight trucks before escaping.

The army claims to have killed more than 750 militants since the operation began. But the fighting has also driven some 800,000 people from their homes, creating a humanitarian emergency that could undercut support for the pro-Western government.

Various clashes in the previous 24 hours left four soldiers and 11 militants dead, it said. The five headless bodies were found near, Mingora, the army said, giving no other details.

Iraq maintains leader of terror cell in jail

BAGHDAD — Iraq's defense minister on Wednesday insisted that the head of an al-Qaida front group was in custody, refuting a potentially embarrassing online denial purportedly posted by the man he maintains was arrested.

Abdul-Qader al-Obedi told lawmakers that the man captured on April 23, and later paraded in front of cameras, was Abu Omar al-Baghdadi, leader of the al-Qaida dominated Islamic State in Iraq.

On Tuesday, militant Web sites carried an audio message purportedly from al-Baghdadi mocking the Iraqi government for lying about his arrest and denying he had been taken captive. The recording called to mind previous claims by Iraqis of captured terror leaders that were proven false.

"Everyone was surprised by the lies of the Green Zone leaders who claimed again that they detained me," said the speaker in the online message.

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Workers remove debris on Feb. 16 at the scene of a plane crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407 in Clarence Center, N.Y. Pilot training and fatigue were the focus of an unusual public hearing Tuesday in Washington.

Fatigue cited as factor in Buffalo plane crash

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The co-pilot in a February airline crash that killed 50 people in upstate New York was paid a salary so low that she was living with her parents in Seattle and commuting across the country to her job, according to testimony Wednesday.

One of the safety issues that has arisen in the National Transportation Safety Board's investigation is whether co-pilot Rebecca Shaw and Capt. Marvin Renslow may have suffered from fatigue during the accident.

Testimony in the three-day hearing, which began Tuesday, indicates Shaw and Renslow made several fundamental mistakes as Continental Connection Flight 3407 approached Buffalo Niagara International Airport in wintry weather the night of Feb. 12.

Airline officials acknowledged at the hearing that Shaw, 24, was paid at a rate of about \$23 an hour and had a salary of \$16,254, although she could have earned more if she worked extra hours. She previously had a second job working in a coffee shop.

The night before the accident, Shaw flew overnight as a passenger from Seattle, changing planes in Memphis, to report to work at Newark Liberty International Airport. Shaw also complained about congestion and may have been suffering from a cold.

Renslow commuted to Newark from his home near

Tampa, Fla. Officials at Colgan Air Inc. of Manassas, Va., which operated the flight for Continental, said their captains typically have salaries around \$55,000 a year. Officials said the company permits pilots to live anywhere in the country they wish.

A transcript of the cockpit voice recorder released Tuesday by the board showed Renslow and Shaw engaging in chitchat about careers and her lack of experience flying in icy conditions during the plane's final minutes, even after they had noticed a buildup of ice on the windshield.

The Dash 8-Q400 Bombardier, a twin-engine turboprop, experienced an aerodynamic stall, rolling back and forth before plunging into a house below.

All 49 people aboard and one on the ground were killed.

Colgan officials acknowledged in response to board members' questions that Renslow and Shaw weren't paying close attention to the plane's instruments and were surprised by a stall warning. Nor did they follow the airline's procedures for responding to a stall.

Further testimony and documents also showed that Renslow had failed several training tests before and after being hired by Colgan in 2005. He had been certified to fly the Dash-8 plane for about three months.

The accident was the worst U.S. airline crash in seven years.

Former interrogator disputes claims that harsh tactics worked

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former FBI interrogator who questioned al-Qaida prisoners testified Wednesday that the Bush administration falsely boasted of success from extreme techniques like waterboarding, when those methods were slow, unreliable and made an important witness stop talking.

Ali Soufan, testifying to a Senate panel behind a screen to hide his identity, said his team's nonthreatening interrogation approach elicited crucial information from al-Qaida operative Abu Zubaydah, including intelligence on "dirty bomb" terrorist Jose Padilla.

Soufan said his team had to step aside when CIA contractors took over. They began using harsh methods that caused Zubaydah to "shut down," Soufan said, and his team had to be recalled to get the prisoner talking again.

Soufan appeared before a Senate Judiciary subcommittee holding the first hearing on extreme interrogation methods since the Obama administration last month released Bush administration

legal opinions authorizing them.

Memos by the Bush Justice Department contended waterboarding, sleep deprivation and other extreme techniques were legal under U.S. and international law, but Democrats said they amounted to torture.

President Barack Obama has said he wanted to avoid partisan hearings over the interrogations, but the hearing turned partisan in its opening seconds.

Subcommittee Chairman Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse, a Democrat, promised at the outset to unravel "our country's descent into torture" and vowed to expose "a bodyguard of lies" by the Bush administration.

Sen. Lindsey Graham, a Republican, asked whether "we would have this hearing if we were attacked this afternoon."

Graham called the hearing a "political stunt" and said Democrats were trying to judge officials who — soon after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks — "woke up one morning like most Americans and said, 'Oh, my God, what's coming next?'"

GOP blocks Obama's pick for deputy secretary of Interior

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republicans blocked President Barack Obama's pick for the No. 2 job at the Interior Department on Wednesday in a dispute over oil and gas leases, but Democrats signaled they would soon make a second attempt to win confirmation.

The 57-39 vote was three short of the 60 needed to advance David Hayes past Republican objections, and made him the first of Obama's top-level nominees to be sidetracked on the Senate floor.

Hayes, an environmental lawyer picked by Obama to serve as deputy secretary of the Interior Department, held the same post

during the last three years of the Clinton administration. He also led Obama's natural resources transition team, responsible for naming a new Interior Department head.

Republican opposition to Hayes' nomination was led by Sen. Bob Bennett of Utah, who expressed anger over Secretary Ken Salazar's recent decision to revoke 77 oil and gas leases in his state. He was joined by Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, who raised questions about the administration's plans for oil and gas development and objected to recent reversals of several Bush-era rules on endangered species and mountaintop mining.



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IN THE WORLD

Pope lends support to Palestinian homeland

By MOHAMMED DARAGHMEH
AND DIAA HADID
The Associated Press

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Standing in the cradle of Christianity, Pope Benedict XVI told Palestinians on Wednesday he understands their suffering and offered the Vatican's strongest and most symbolic public backing yet for an independent Palestinian homeland.

To get to Jesus' traditional birthplace of Bethlehem, Benedict had to cross through towering concrete slabs, part of a separation barrier Israel has erected to wall off the West Bank's Palestinian areas. The visit, his first to the Holy Land since becoming pope, took on increased significance as he endorsed the idea of a homeland while standing on Palestinian soil for the first time.

"Mr. President, the Holy See supports the right of your people to a sovereign Palestinian homeland in the land of your forefathers, secure and at peace with its neighbors, within internationally recognized borders," the pontiff said upon his arrival, standing alongside Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas.

It was the third day of Benedict's Holy Land pilgrimage, one meant largely to boost interfaith relations. But so far, it has been fraught with political land mines. Israelis have criticized the German-born pope for failing to adequately express remorse for the Holocaust, while the Palestinians are pressing him to draw atten-



L'OSSERVATORE ROMANO/AP

Pope Benedict XVI is welcomed by Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas upon his arrival at the Palestinian Presidential compound in the West Bank town of Bethlehem on Wednesday.

tion to the difficult conditions of life under Israeli rule.

The pope also called for a Palestinian homeland when he arrived in Israel on Monday for the five-day visit. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who was in the audience, says Palestinians are not ready to rule themselves and he has resisted international pressure to endorse

the idea of a Palestinian state alongside Israel.

In Bethlehem, Benedict delivered a special message of solidarity to the 1.4 million Palestinians isolated in the Hamas-ruled Gaza Strip. He has no plans to visit Gaza.

Israel recently waged a three-week war against Gaza militants that killed more than 1,150 people

and badly damaged thousands of homes. The war compounded suffering already caused by an Israel and Egyptian blockade of Gaza's borders since Hamas wrested control of Gaza two years ago.

"In a special way, my heart goes out to the pilgrims from war-torn Gaza: I ask you to bring back to your families and your communities my warm embrace, and my

sorrow for the loss, the hardship and the suffering you have had to endure," the pope told thousands of Palestinians who packed an open-air Mass in Manger Square, some hoisting Palestinian and Vatican flags and pictures of the pontiff and Jesus.

"Please be assured of my solidarity with you in the immense work of rebuilding which now lies ahead, and my prayers that the embargo will soon be lifted," he added.

In a gesture for the pope's visit, Israel allowed nearly 100 members of Gaza's tiny Christian community to travel to the West Bank through Israeli territory that separates the two Palestinian areas.

Benedict's singling out of Gaza "means that Gaza is in the pope's heart," said George Hernandez, bishop of the Holy Family Catholic church in Gaza City. "This is a very courageous speech and we are satisfied."

The pope, who has described himself as a "pilgrim of peace," has been forced to navigate some of the touchiest political issues as he makes his way through Israel and the West Bank — his first visit to the region as the head of the Roman Catholic church.

On Tuesday, the Vatican rallied to his defense, describing him as man of strong anti-Nazi credentials and a peacemaker after critics said he failed to apologize in a speech at Israel's Holocaust memorial for what they see as Catholic indifference during the Nazi genocide.

Italy's parliament moves to crack down on illegal migration

By NICOLE WINFIELD
The Associated Press

ROME — Italy's lower chamber of parliament passed a hotly debated bill Wednesday making it a crime to enter or stay in Italy illegally — the latest effort by Premier Silvio Berlusconi's conservative forces to crack down on illegal migration.

To ensure swift passage, Berlusconi's allies put the legislation to a confidence vote, which they easily won 316-258.

Confidence votes force lawmakers to close ranks since any defeat would force the government's resignation.

The legislation makes entering or staying in Italy without permission a crime

punishable by a fine of \$6,840-\$13,670. Migrants would not face prison, but the bill provides for up to three years in prison for anyone who rents housing to an illegal immigrant.

The measure must still be approved by the Senate for it to take effect.

Berlusconi's conservative coalition has been working to stem the flow of illegal migrants, bolstered by surveys showing many Italians link immigrants to crime.

Last year, more than 36,000 migrants from Africa and elsewhere arrived in Italy by boat, many coming ashore on the tiny Sicilian island of Lampedusa. Hundreds of boats run by organized smuggling rings set off from Libya alone.

Italy now ranks fourth — after the United States, Canada and France — in the number of migrants requesting asylum, according to the Italian Refugee Council humanitarian group.

Last year, 31,160 people requested asylum in Italy — more than double the number from 2007.

Earlier this month, Italy started sending back to Libya boatloads of migrants it intercepted in international waters without first screening them for asylum claims. The U.N. refugee agency, the Vatican and human rights organizations voiced outrage, saying Italy was breaching international law.

The government, which has complained

that it has been left by the European Union to deal with illegal immigration alone, has defended the new policy, saying the U.N. refugee agency can screen the migrants in Libya.

Italy's new return policy is not part of the bill passed Wednesday by parliament's lower Chamber of Deputies. The legislation passed is part of an overall security bill that also would authorize citizen anti-crime patrols.

While Italy has long issued expulsion orders for illegal migrants, the new law would criminalize illegal entry or residence — something critics say could result in people being turned in for simply going to a doctor.

U.K.: Many terror suspects arrested since 2001 freed

The Associated Press

LONDON — More than half the people arrested in Britain on suspicion of terrorism since 2001 have been freed without being charged, the country's law and order ministry said Wednesday.

Britain's Home Office said 1,471 people were arrested as suspected terrorists between

September 2001 and March 2008, the first time it has compiled data on the often controversial arrests.

Of those, fewer than 200 have been convicted as a terrorists — highlighting questions about police tactics, particularly following high-profile raids on Muslims communities that have failed to bring any convictions.

2 American journalists deported from Myanmar

The Associated Press

BANGKOK — Two American journalists deported from military-ruled Myanmar said Wednesday they could not explain why their officially sanctioned trip was abruptly terminated.

Authorities detained Jerry Redfern and Karen Coates in the city of Mandalay after they had finished workshops for local journalists, which they say were approved by the police and cen-

sorship board. They were deported to Bangkok on May 7.

"We could speculate all day long on why we were expelled. Nobody said anything to us when we were being held."

"They told us they were only following orders," said Redfern, a freelance photographer from Albuquerque, N. M.

The couple said they heard numerous rumors about their arrest, with some saying it was fallout from the arrest of an American

accused of swimming across a lake last week to sneak into the home of detained opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi in Yangon.

But the couple said no one was able to verify if that was the case.

Redfern and Coates had been conducting classes in feature writing and photography sponsored by the U.S. Embassy's American Center in Yangon, which in the past has been accused by the regime of fomenting dissent within the country.

SHIFTING GEARS

Something's full of hot air, but not tires

Dear Tom and Ray:

I have a 2000 Toyota Sienna van. My van tires lose air on a regular basis. The tire-trouble indicator on the dash is on most of the time. The front desk personnel — who



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Tom and Ray Magliozzi

are aluminum, and aluminum rims collect residue that gets between the tire and the rim. He recommended getting stainless-steel rims. Who is right? — Jean-Marie

TOM: Well, there are millions of cars with aluminum-alloy rims out there, and their tires are all holding air. So I don't think it's the type of rims you have, Jean-Marie.

RAY: There are two things I'd look at. One is your valve stems. The valve stem is the black rubber thing that sticks out of the wheel. It's where you put the air when you fill up the tires. Valve stems can sometimes crack, or deteriorate and get porous, and allow air to slowly leak out.

TOM: In fact, some 30 million Chinese-made valve stems were recently recalled because they may fail.

They were manufactured for a company named Dill and distributed by Tech International all over the country. If you have those, you can get them replaced for free.

RAY: The other possibility is what the front desk personnel suggested — that you have oxidation on the inside of the rims, and that's preventing the bead of the tire from sealing tightly against the rims. That's also a common source of slow leaks.

TOM: So, my suggestion would be to have your mechanic remove all of the tires, clean up the rims, replace the valve stems and remount the tires.

I'll bet that fixes it.

RAY: And if he happens to notice any huge nail holes while he's at it, have him patch those up, too. Good luck, Jean-Marie.

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'Vette could help save Chevy

By RICHARD WILLIAMSON
Scripps Howard News Service

If Chevrolet had no other reason to survive, the Corvette would suffice for many of us. In the six generations since its introduction, the maestros of Bowling Green continue to find new ways to improve this iconic sports car.

The current generation, known as C6, is the smoothest and most comfortable ever, while retaining its 0-60 mph acceleration in 4.2 seconds and surprisingly decent fuel economy.

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placed, and the digital speedometer in the heads-up display is extremely helpful and not intrusive. If a traffic cop ever asks you how fast you were going, you can honestly say: "Yes, officer, I was going 39 miles per hour."

Steering wheel mounted audio controls and AM/FM/XM radio with CD player and audio input jack are standard. A \$1,750 Bose audio system with an in-dash six-disc changer is part of a package that includes the Navigation System. OnStar system with Turn-by-Turn Navigation is standard and an onboard navigation system with voice recognition is available. Using a 6.5-inch color touch-screen display, the DVD-based system contains all the map data for the 48 contiguous states and most of Canada on two discs.

Corvette's keyless access electronically unlocks the door when the driver approaches the car. The system's emergency key and other remote-function controls are combined.

2009 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe

TYPE: Rear-drive, two passenger, high-performance sports coupe.

KEY RIVALS: Nissan 350Z, Porsche 911, Dodge Viper.

PRICE: \$48,565 base, \$64,710 as tested.

POWER: LS3 6.2-liter, 430-horsepower V8; six-speed manual transmission.

'Cash-for-clunkers' plan would help drivers trade up

Detroit Free Press

WASHINGTON — A cash-for-clunkers plan embraced by key House members is intended to spark sales of newer, more fuel-efficient vehicles by giving buyers up to \$4,500 for retiring older-model gas guzzlers.

Such a plan is far from a certainty. The costs have not been revealed, and it is unclear how the Senate will react. But the agreement by Democratic members of the House Energy and Commerce Committee — announced earlier this month after they met with President Barack Obama — indicates

legislation should move ahead to create the program.

U.S. Rep. John Dingell, D-Mich., who attended the meeting with Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Henry Waxman of California, called the plan "critically important and sensibly balanced."

It could help replace as many as 1 million vehicles, though that's a fraction of the 250 million or more on the road in the United States.

There are no specific incentives for buying vehicles made by the Detroit Three. But provisions that encourage the swaps

on older vehicles, specifically SUVs and trucks, should help U.S. manufacturers because they dominate that market.

People who drive passenger cars that get less than 18 mpg (based on EPA's combined city/highway window sticker number) would have to buy a new car getting at least 22 mpg to be eligible for a voucher toward the new car.

There would be incentives for small trucks, SUVs, large light-duty trucks and work trucks.

To find a mileage number, go to www.fueleconomy.gov.



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YOUR MONEY

Do the math, and due diligence

Planning can help prevent financial problems later in life

BY GAIL MARKS JARVIS
Chicago Tribune

Dorothy is 91 and horrified by the money gushing out of her life's savings.

At the end of 2007, she had about \$207,600. Now, it's down to \$121,000. And she's afraid she will soon be out of money.

Dorothy thinks she has bad investments, but she doesn't know. She knows nothing about investing. She is a small client of a broker who deals with much wealthier clients, and she says her broker is impatient talking with her and is not quick about returning her calls.

Because she didn't know where to turn, she called me but asked me to keep her last name out of the newspaper.

Dorothy's problems started about eight years ago. Her husband was dying, and Dorothy suggested he explain their finances to her. He simply assured her, "You'll be fine."

After her husband's death, Dorothy met her husband's broker for the first time. He liked stocks, and Dorothy didn't, so she moved to another broker — a woman who took time with her and assured her that the mutual funds she had cho-

sen were not risky.

Two years ago, however, Dorothy's broker left the firm, and Dorothy was handed off to another broker who had no relationship with her and didn't seem to want to bother with her concerns. In December, when she was shocked by the small sum left in her investments, she called him, and his secretary said they'd meet after Christmas. Two months passed without a meeting.

Regardless, Dorothy's problem is bigger than whether she has the right investments, and that's where she needs help that her broker hasn't offered. She needs to understand if her money has disappeared quickly because she has weak mutual funds or because she is spending too much.

An adult should be able to do the math. If not, a certified financial planner or certified public accountant could look over the investments, all sources of income and spending to see if adjustments are needed. Such help earlier in life would be even better — perhaps leaving more money intact. So here's what to do:

■ **Get help together.** Often in a marriage, one person will do the investing. But both need to be familiar with all financial records, and — if using a financial planner or broker — both should go together, have chemistry with the professional, and understand the investments and the rationale for them. A good broker or financial planner will not be impatient with questions, and clients should ask

questions until they receive answers they understand in plain English. There are no dumb questions, and impatient advisers should be replaced.

■ **Get help early.** Good financial planners tend to like to work with people who have at least \$250,000 to invest, and there's a tendency to give the most attention to the wealthiest clients.

Picking a person who caters to people at your income level is smart. Ask planners who their typical clients are.

Dorothy and her husband once had a sizable nest egg. If she had established a relationship with a solid financial planner at that point, the planner would have likely remained loyal to her and given her attention even when her account had shrunk.

When you start a financial planning relationship, ask what will happen as you age and spend down the savings. You don't want to face higher fees because the adviser is no longer investing a lot of money for you.

■ **Realize a broker's limitations.** People who are comfortable as do-it-yourselfers can turn to a broker to buy or sell investments for them. But brokers are not financial planners. Such services come from a certified financial planner or a certified public accountant with a "personal financial specialist" designation.

Pay attention to the exact words. Some people call themselves financial planners or financial consultants, but they don't have the same background as those certified to do more.

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TUESDAY'S MARKET SUMMARY

INDEXES

52-week High	Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
13,136.69	6,469.95	Dow Jones Industrials	8,469.11	+50.34	+6.0	-3.50	-34.00
5,536.57	2,134.21	Dow Jones Transportation	3,148.68	-73.05	-2.27	-10.98	-40.46
530.57	288.66	Dow Jones Utilities	350.13	+2.84	+8.2	-5.56	-31.38
9,687.24	4,181.75	NYSE Composite	5,859.14	+9.84	+1.7	-1.77	-37.74
2,433.31	1,130.47	Amex Index	1,511.71	+21.81	+1.46	+8.17	-35.81
2,551.47	1,265.52	Nasdaq Composite	1,715.92	-15.32	-8.8	+8.81	-31.23
1,440.24	666.79	S&P 500	908.35	-8.9	-1.0	+5.56	-35.26
897.37	397.97	S&P MidCap	567.55	-5.90	-1.03	+5.44	-34.70
14,564.81	6,772.29	Wilshire 5000	9,279.96	-29.55	-3.2	+2.12	-34.68
764.38	342.59	Russell 2000	495.18	-6.76	-1.35	-8.5	-32.80

NYSE				AMEX				NASDAQ			
MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)				MOST ACTIVE (\$1 OR MORE)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg	Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Citigrp	4602604	3.66	-2.0	PSCrudeE	222563	3.52	+0.6	PwShs QQQ	1317014	33.93	-4.2
DirxFinBear	4509104	5.42	+2.9	OilSands g	92147	1.02	-0.2	FifthThird	719891	8.23	-1.2
BkofAm	4017761	12.26	-0.8	NthgTM g	51374	1.98	+1.3	Microsoft	714341	19.89	+5.7
DirxFinBu	3237513	9.93	-5.9	GoldSt g	48010	1.93	+1.8	CellTel rsh	692372	1.39	-2.3
SPDR	2695671	90.97	-2.7	Hemisphrx	47979	1.07	-0.1	Intel	689885	15.21	-1.6
FordM	2019385	5.01	-1.07	Kodiak G	45154	1.22	+0.4	HuntBnk	578367	5.18	-5.3
SPDR Fnd	1934407	12.00	-2.6	EldorGld g	36243	8.53	+1.9	DryShips	480246	6.99	+2.0
WellsFarg	1862408	25.70	-8.3	NovaGld g	34791	3.54	+4.5	Cisco	391820	18.72	+1.1
US Bancpr	1309020	17.89	-0.1	GrtBasG g	23286	1.35	+1.1	Dell Inc	364285	11.21	+1.9
AmlnInfg	1241237	1.81	-0.9	NwGold g	21549	2.20	+2.8	ETrade	353318	1.59	-1.9

KEY DEFENSE STOCKS

Name	Div	PE	Last	YTD Chg %Chg
Alliant Technology	...	20	87.66	+3.9 +2.2
Boeing	1.68	15	44.10	+6.2 +3.4
Computer Sciences	...	6	37.40	-1.2 -0.4
General Dynamics	1.52	9	55.30	+1.17 +0.4
General Electric	...	40	13.68	-5.1 -15.6
Halliburton	...	36	16.22	+6.9 +26.3
Harris Corp.	...	80	12.27	+6.6 -18.7
Allied Signal	...	12	33.11	-5.3 -9
L-3 Communications	...	140	11.76	+3.3 +1.4
Lockheed Martin	...	228	10.81	+1.26 -2.9
Northrop	...	160	...	+9.40 +9.7
Raytheon	...	124	12	47.87 +2.1 -6.2
Rockwell Int'l.	...	116	11	32.50 -3.2 -8
Texas Instruments	...	44	18.63	-4.3 -6.4
Textron Inc.	...	08	9	11.44 -1.9 -1.4
United Technologies	...	154	12	58.44 +3.4 +1.4

KEY MUTUAL FUNDS

Name	NAV	Chg	YTD %Ret.
Fidelity Invest: GroCo	53.35	-4.8	+9.0
Fidelity Spartan: EglxInv	32.19	-0.3	+1.6
Fidelity Invest: US90	10.83	-0.3	+1.9
Fidelity Invest: GrdInc	13.12	-0.4	-2.2
Fidelity Invest: AMgr50	11.72	-0.2	+8.8
Fidelity Invest: Ovrsea	25.67	-0.3	+2.4
Amer Century Inv: Ultra	15.35	-0.3	+6.2
Putnam Funds A: GrdA p	9.70	-0.3	+3.9
AIM Investments A: ChartA p	12.36	-0.3	+6.5
AIM Investments A: Const p	16.55	+0.9	-1.7
Frank Temp Frnk A: SMCpGrA	22.43	-0.18	+10.5
DWS Invest S: GrdIncS	11.47	-0.1	+5.1
Fidelity Advisor T: EdmT	17.05	-0.7	+1.0
Fidelity Advisor T: GrOpT	21.60	-0.19	+13.4
DWS Invest S: Intl Fd	35.96	+0.5	+3.8
Putnam Funds A: GldEqty p	6.55	+0.3	+2.8
Lord Abbett A: DevGIA p	11.87	-2.1	+11.9
Fidelity Advisor T: OvrseaT	13.47	+0.3	+3.3
DWS Invest S: CorPInc	9.73	+0.1	+1.9

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (May 14)	95.00
South Korean won (May 14)	1,206.00
Euro costs (May 14)	\$1.3998
Dollar buys (May 14)	€ 0.7144
British pound (May 14)	\$1.56

Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3771
British pound	\$1.5130
Canada (Dollar)	1.1663
China (Yuan)	6.8242
Denmark (Krone)	5.4795
Egypt (Pound)	5.6185
Euro	\$1.3594/0.7255
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7504
Hungary (Forint)	208.42
Israel (Shekel)	4.1206
Japan (Yen)	96.12
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2901
Norway (Krone)	6.5336
Philippines (Peso)	47.19
Poland (Zloty)	3.27
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4642
South Korea (Won)	1,239.40
Switzerland (Franc)	1.1071
Thailand (Baht)	34.52
Turkey (New Lira)	1.5678

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close	
Gold	\$923.50
Silver	\$14.195

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.00-0.25
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.50
3-month bill	0.17
30-year bond	4.16

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

People with jobs are hanging on to them at a record pace

BY GREG BURNS
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — It's pretty obvious that people with jobs are hanging on to them at all costs.

Now comes the proof, buried in Friday's employment report.

In an analysis of the government numbers, David Oser, senior vice president of investments at Chicago's ShoreBank, writes:

"One little noticed but significant statistic is the percentage of unemployed people who quit their jobs voluntarily. Alan Greenspan always thought these 'job-leavers' were a good indicator of the economy's health, on the theory that people usually leave jobs only if they have another lined up or are confident that they can find one easily. In good times, the percentage of job-leavers runs

around 10-12 percent. In April, the percentage was just 6.5, tying the all-time low set in 1982."

Their behavior reflects an employment market that has made it tough for job-seekers in practically every way:

Consider the many who want to work full time but can only find part-time gigs, and the similarly elevated numbers who give up looking for jobs altogether.

When the economy finally turns around — 2010, maybe? — look for a spike in voluntary departures, as talented employees are recruited away to better opportunities, or move to new cities once they can sell their homes.

At the same time, don't be surprised if the annual raise, now an endangered species, makes a comeback.



Job seekers line up at a job fair in Columbus, Ohio. The pace of layoffs slowed in April when employers cut 539,000 jobs, the fewest in six months.

AP

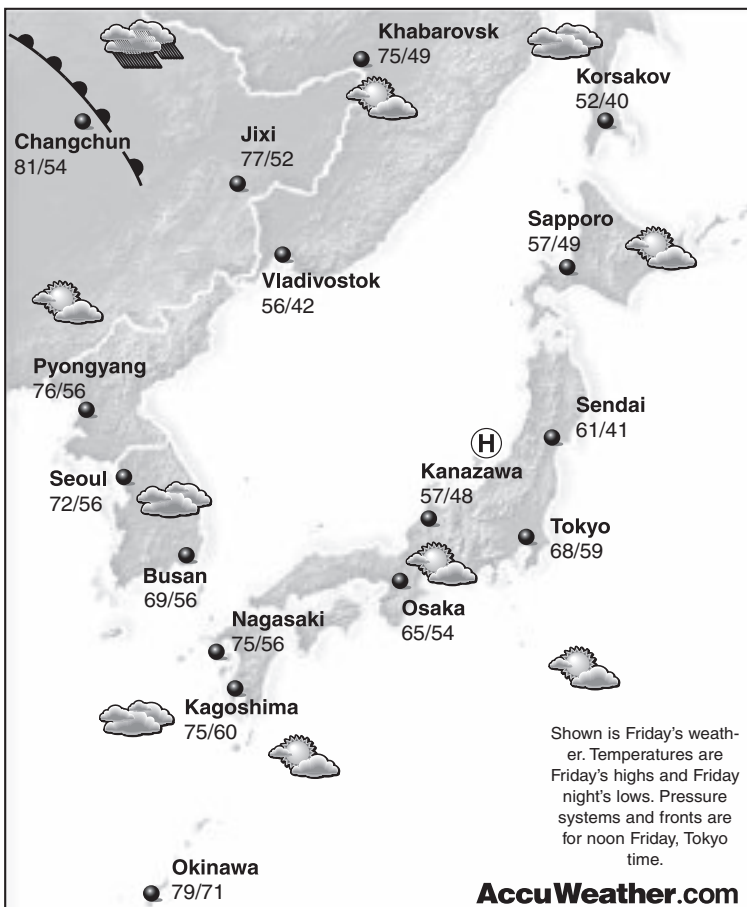
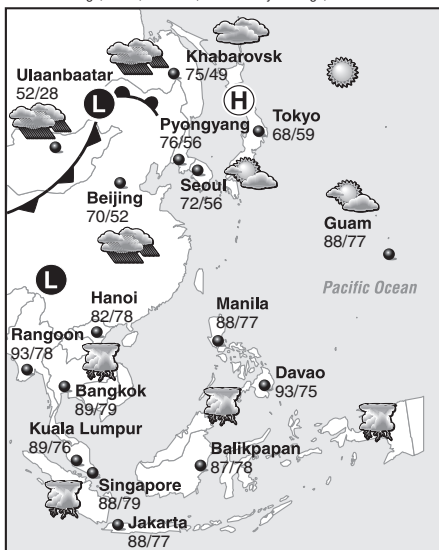
TIDE TABLES

Location	Friday			
	High	Low	High	Low
Japan				
Yokosuka	7:02 a.m.	1:56 a.m.	9:44 p.m.	2:21 p.m.
Sasebo	12:06 a.m.	5:54 a.m.	11:19 a.m.	6:01 p.m.
Naha	10:01 a.m.	4:22 a.m.	11:55 p.m.	4:59 p.m.
Hachinohe	5:22 a.m.	12:02 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	12:54 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwip'o	2:09 a.m.	9:22 a.m.	2:33 p.m.	8:30 p.m.
Kunsan	7:10 a.m.	1:21 a.m.	7:27 p.m.	2:05 p.m.
Guam				
Apra Harbor	12:37 a.m.	6:01 a.m.	10:10 a.m.	5:49 p.m.
Location	Saturday			
	High	Low	High	Low
Japan				
Yokosuka	7:47 a.m.	2:48 a.m.	10:40 p.m.	3:09 p.m.
Sasebo	12:55 a.m.	6:47 a.m.	12:11 p.m.	6:53 p.m.
Naha	10:51 a.m.	5:20 a.m.	none	5:51 p.m.
Hachinohe	6:03 a.m.	12:52 a.m.	9:20 p.m.	1:39 p.m.
Korea				
Cheju Island/Sogwip'o	2:49 a.m.	10:06 a.m.	3:25 p.m.	9:13 p.m.
Kunsan	7:51 a.m.	2:00 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	2:47 p.m.
Guam				
Apra Harbor	1:24 a.m.	7:00 a.m.	11:03 a.m.	6:35 p.m.

For tides at other sites apply minutes to Naha tides:

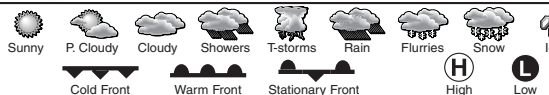
Sukku, Ora Wan: -39, Sesoko Byochi: +11 high and low tide;

Unten Ko: -7 high, -8 low, Yonabaru, Buckner Bay: -44 high, -42 low.



Shown is Friday's weather. Temperatures are Friday's highs and Friday night's lows. Pressure systems and fronts are for noon Friday, Tokyo time.

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CANADA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Calgary	57	36	PCldy
Edmonton	58	37	Shwr
Halifax	60	43	Cldy
Regina	28	19	Snow
Montreal	64	48	Sun
Ottawa	65	46	Sun
Quebec	61	43	Sun
Regina	48	26	Cldy
Toronto	65	54	PCldy
Vancouver	62	46	PCldy
Whitehorse	46	36	Shwr
Windsor	69	56	PCldy
Winnipeg	53	33	Rain
Yellowknife	37	17	Fry

EUROPE

City	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	59	48	Rain
Athens	79	64	PCldy
Belgrade	89	62	PCldy
Brussels	61	48	PCldy
Dublin	57	45	PCldy
Glasgow	59	41	Shwr
Lisbon	64	52	PCldy
London	59	45	Rain
Madrid	68	37	PCldy
Moscow	54	36	Shwr
Paris	63	46	Shwr
Rome	70	57	Shwr
Warsaw	66	48	PCldy

MIDDLE EAST

City	Hi	Lo	W
Ashgabat	85	60	Sun
Baghdad	103	70	Sun
Cairo	92	68	Sun
Dhahran	103	87	Sun
Islamabad	111	71	Sun
Kabul	89	67	Sun
Kandahar	105	67	Sun
Karachi	95	86	Sun
Kuwait	106	88	PCldy
Mazar-e-Sharif	96	64	Sun
Tehran	81	69	PCldy
Tel Aviv	80	66	Sun
Zahedan	92	65	Sun

AFRICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Abidjan	88	74	Tstm
Algiers	72	43	Shwr
Cape Town	61	54	Shwr
Casablanca	66	50	PCldy
Durban	82	59	PCldy
Freetown	91	73	Cldy
Kano	99	71	PCldy
Khartoum	106	70	Sun
Kisangani	84	69	Tstm
Luanda	81	74	Cldy
Malakal	97	70	PCldy
Mogadishu	87	76	Shwr
Tabora	84	64	Sun
Timbuktu	110	71	PCldy

LATIN AMERICA

City	Hi	Lo	W
Acapulco	89	77	PCldy
Bogota	65	48	Shwr
Buenos Aires	57	48	Sun
Cancun	88	74	Sun
Havana	84	70	Rain
Kingston	86	76	Rain
Lima	77	59	PCldy
Mexico City	76	54	Tstm
Nassau	84	76	PCldy
Puerto Plata	84	73	Shwr
Rio de Janeiro	73	62	Rain
Santiago	70	43	Sun
Santo Domingo	82	71	Rain
San Jose	75	67	Tstm

ASIA / PACIFIC

City	Hi	Lo	W
Auckland	64	56	Shwr
Colombo	86	78	PCldy
Darwin	90	70	Sun
Dhaka	89	80	Tstm
Hong Kong	88	77	Sun
Kathmandu	84	63	Rain
Melbourne	65	51	Rain
Mumbai	87	81	Sun
New Delhi	106	81	Sun
Phnom Penh	90	75	Tstm
Shanghai	83	72	Cldy
Sydney	72	52	Sun
Taipei	90	75	Sun
Xining	72	46	PCldy

FRIDAY'S STATESIDE OUTLOOK

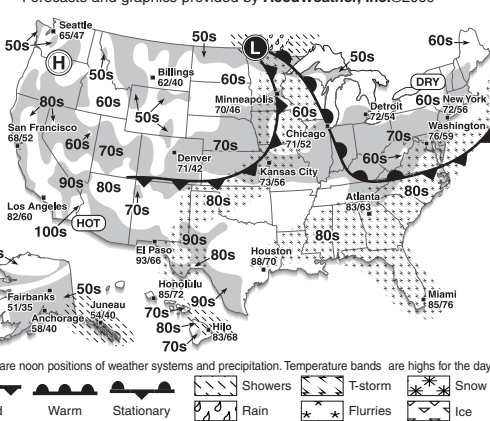
City	Hi	Lo	W
Abilene, TX	87	66	PCldy
Akron, OH	71	56	PCldy
Albany, NY	75	46	PCldy
Albuquerque	87	56	Sun
Allentown, PA	75	54	Cldy
Amarillo	82	54	Tstm
Anchorage	58	40	Sun
Asheville	78	57	Tstm
Atlanta	83	63	Tstm
Atlantic City	77	55	Tstm
Austin	88	66	Tstm
Baltimore	75	58	Tstm
Baton Rouge	84	65	Tstm
Billings	62	40	Tstm
Birmingham	84	65	Tstm
Bismarck	61	37	Cldy
Boise	71	46	Sun
Boston	68	54	Shwr
Bridgeport	69	52	Tstm
Brownsville	90	75	PCldy
Buffalo	68	51	PCldy
Burlington	69	45	PCldy
Caribou, ME	66	34	PCldy
Casper	64	34	PCldy
Charleston, SC	85	66	Tstm
Charleston, WV	76	61	Tstm
Charlotte, NC	82	62	Tstm
Chattanooga	85	62	Tstm
Cheyenne	71	52	Tstm
Chicago	74	61	Tstm
Cincinnati	70	57	PCldy
Cleveland	70	57	PCldy

City	Hi	Lo	W
Colorado Sprgs.	74	44	Cldy
Columbia, SC	85	64	Tstm
Columbus, GA	85	66	Tstm
Columbus, OH	74	59	Cldy
Concord, NH	73	44	PCldy
Corpus Christi	88	71	PCldy
Dallas	87	66	PCldy
Dayton	74	58	Tstm
Daytona Beach	75	70	PCldy
Denver	71	42	PCldy
Des Moines	68	50	Tstm
Detroit	72	54	PCldy
Duluth	56	37	Tstm
El Paso	93	66	Sun
Elkins	73	53	Tstm
Erie	67	55	PCldy
Eugene	68	38	Sun
Evansville	78	65	Tstm
Fairbanks	51	35	PCldy
Fargo	83	65	Rain
Flagstaff	78	36	Sun
Flint	73	52	PCldy
Fort Smith	88	65	Tstm
Fort Wayne	74	56	Cldy
Fresno	90	60	Sun
Goodland	76	45	Cldy
Grand Junction	81	51	Sun
Grand Rapids	70	54	Tstm
Great Falls	58	36	Cldy
Green Bay	68	48	Cldy
Greensboro, NC	83	63	Tstm
Harrisburg	76	51	Tstm

City	Hi	Lo	W
Hartford	73	48	PCldy
Helena	62	37	PCldy
Honolulu	85	72	PCldy
Houston	88	70	Tstm
Huntsville	85	64	Tstm
Indianapolis	74	59	Tstm
Jackson, MS	83	65	Tstm
Jacksonville	85	67	Tstm
Juneau	54	40	Shwr
Kansas City	73	56	Tstm
Key West	83	74	Tstm
Knoxville	82	62	Tstm
Lake Charles	85	68	Tstm
Lansing	73	54	PCldy
Las Vegas	98	72	Sun
Lexington	76	62	Tstm
Lincoln	75	51	Tstm
Little Rock	88	65	Tstm
Los Angeles	82	60	PCldy
Louisville	79	65	Tstm
Lubbock	89	61	Tstm
Macon	89	63	Tstm
Madison	69	51	Tstm
Madison	79	47	Sun
Memphis	86	67	Tstm
Miami	85	76	PCldy
Midland	92	64	Tstm
Minneapolis	62	49	Tstm
Mobile	70	46	Tstm
Montgomery	83	67	Tstm
Nashville	86	65	Tstm

City	Hi	Lo	W
New Orleans	84	70	Tstm
New York City	72	56	Tstm
Newark	72	55	Tstm
Norfolk	82	65	Tstm
North Platte	72	43	Cldy
Oklahoma City	84	64	PCldy
Omaha	72	49	Tstm
Orlando	86	69	Tstm
Paducah	81	66	Tstm
Pendleton	70	44	Tstm
Peoria	72	54	Tstm
Philadelphia	75	60	Tstm
Phoenix	101	74	Sun
Pittsburgh	75	56	PCldy
Pocahontas	67	34	Sun
Portland, ME	70	46	PCldy
Portland, OR	71	46	Sun
Providence	71	53	Tstm
Pueblo	85	50	Cldy
Raleigh	86	64	Tstm
Rapid City	64	40	PCldy
Reno	81	49	Sun
Richmond	83	62	Tstm
Rio Grande	78	61	Tstm
Rochester	70	46	PCldy
Rockford	70	51	Tstm
Sacramento	88	54	Sun
St. Louis	78	63	PCldy
St. Thomas	85	75	PCldy
Salem, OR	70	41	Sun
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DHS was doing its job

I went to bed one night a proud and honored veteran, and I woke up the next morning still proud and honored. This has been the same every morning since the Department of Homeland Security released its threat assessment about radical groups.

I am dismayed that veterans groups took umbrage at the report. As people who protect or have protected the U.S., we have an obligation to recognize that our own are not immune to radical agendas. Domestic terrorism is a fact.

If the author of "DHS went to extremes to sully my husband's name" (Opinion, Lynnette Bukowski, April 30) had read the threat assessment, she would note that nowhere does it say veterans are likely to become domestic terrorists. What it says is, that because of the unique training of many military members, they may be targeted to join radical groups.

It also notes that some veterans have unique challenges facing them when they return to the States, such as reintegrating into society. These are conditions that are difficult for those who haven't deployed to war zones. These are all known conditions that have happened before and we ignore them at our peril. The report even cites examples from the FBI as current as 2008.

I would remind the author that domestic terrorist and veteran Tim McVeigh took the same oath of office as her husband.

As proud veterans and servicemembers, we should not be afraid to police our ranks. A threat assessment is just a statement of possibilities, not a predictor of fact. The DHS would be remiss in its duties if it did not consider all possibilities.

Secretary Janet Napolitano does not owe me an apology. I think [Burkowski] may

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because she has allowed herself to react without investigating the facts.

Senior Master Sgt. Anne Golembeski
(retired)
Albuquerque

Veteran still proud to salute

I was standing at Capodichino (Navy base) in Naples, Italy, and rendering the hand salute to the national anthem. While I was rendering the salute I saw others in civilian attire who were just standing there.

At the end, one of the individuals told me that it was improper to render the hand salute while not in uniform. I told him that, according to Public Law 110-181, Section

9, Title 4, U.S. Code, all retired veterans of the military service are allowed to render the hand salute. I was wondering if the retired soldiers and sailors who have been here forever know that Congress has given them recognition for their service, even as veterans.

An article that appeared in Army Echoes (a bulletin for retired soldiers and their families) in 2008 said Congress has put "Still Saluting" into law for retired soldiers and other veterans. During the ceremony of hoisting or lowering the flag, or when the flag is passing in a parade or in review, all people present in uniform should salute. Members of the armed forces and veterans who are present but not in uniform may render the salute.

So, with this in mind, what are the retired personnel thinking when they just stand there and look into the sky like nothing is happening? I personally cherish my service in the Army and all the great guys and gals I served with. As veterans, let's show our pride in what we did.

Thomas Boggs
Naples, Italy

Photo simply told the truth

I want to defend Stars and Stripes for its front-page photo of the tragedy at the royal Dutch parade (May 1, Europe edition). While some see it as insensitive and others as outrageous, I see it as telling the truth, which, in my opinion, is the bottom line.

Of course, it was a tragic and horrendous event but, unfortunately, it will happen again, and a newspaper has to be honest and straightforward with its reporting.

Sp. Samuel Mendez Jr.
Ansbach, Germany

Cut out middlemen to make college affordable

Miami Herald editorial

With the cost of a college education soaring all over the country, reforming college-loan plans is taking on a new urgency. Fortunately, there is a proposal on the table that won't be a burden on taxpayers and could ease the staggering debt load for young people entering the workplace. This should be a no-brainer for Congress. When it comes to legislation, though, nothing is ever easy.

College students and their families need no reminder that it's harder than ever to pay for a four- or five-year education. College tuition has risen at a clip of 58 percent since 2000, faster than inflation. Close to 70 percent of students borrow for their education, and they owe an average of \$20,000. Doctors, lawyers and those with graduate degrees can easily owe well over \$100,000.

The result is that thousands of students either forgo college altogether or drop out because they can't afford it. Many of those who do graduate find themselves still paying off college loans when they should be

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saving for their own kids' educations.

One part of President Barack Obama's proposed reform would enlarge the pool of loans by cutting out the middlemen — principally, banks. Private lenders get a public subsidy under the Federal Family Education Loan program, which accounts for more than two-thirds of student borrowing. Taxpayers guarantee the lender 97 percent of the loan if there is a default, so the risk to private lenders is small. Cutting out the middlemen — who would surely put up a fight in Congress — would save at least \$4 billion per year.

At present, students are forced to borrow at subsidized rates of 4 percent to 5 percent, even when banks borrow from the government at 1 percent. When the limited pool of money is exhausted, they must turn to the private market, where rates are much higher.

The money saved by direct lending from the government would significantly enlarge the amount of money available from the government.

Obama has proposed to use the savings by enlarging Pell Grants made to needy students — which don't have to be repaid — from \$5,000 to \$5,500. That's not a huge difference, considering that when the Pell program started in the 1960s it paid for 70 percent of the costs of college. But it's a start. The government also needs to lower interest rates for student loans — how about 1 percent? — and ensure that the maximum value of Pell Grants is tied to inflation.

Young people are the country's future. The current economic crisis is not of their making, but they're paying for it. The least government can do for them is to remove financial obstacles to a college education.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU



OPINION

Some won't let Obama laugh off criticism

BY KATHLEEN PARKER

WASHINGTON

There's nothing un-funnier than Saturday night's jokes reviewed by the caffeinated light of Monday morning.

Which is why we probably shouldn't quarterback a comedian over coffee when she was performing for a crowd primed on cocktails.

That reasonable rule seems not to apply, however, when the venue is the White House Correspondents' Association dinner and one of the revelers happens to be the president of the United States. Whether he laughs, smiles or frowns carries political freight far beyond the moment.

Washington buzz lately has become a buzz saw.

In the days since the correspondents' dinner, reaction to Barack Obama's reaction to Wanda Sykes' one-liners has resembled a confederacy of scolds. What dreary, sensitive wretches we've become.

Do I think Sykes was a monument to hilarity? No, but she was funny much of the time. Do I think her now-infamous Rush Limbaugh jokes were over the top? Yeah. That's a comedian for you. Do I think her performance — and Obama's apparent amusement — marks the decline of civilization? This is hardly a new development.

I do think we take ourselves far too seriously — and literally.

For those who've somehow managed to avoid the controversy, Sykes joked that Limbaugh, whom she compared to Osama bin Laden, might have been the 20th hijacker, but was "just so strung out on OxyContin he missed his flight." She also suggested that Rush might be guilty of treason for hoping Obama's policies fail.

In a final flourish, she said: "Rush Limbaugh, 'I hope the country fails' — I hope his kidneys fail, how about that? He needs a waterboarding, that's what he needs."

Hohoho. The audience did not, in fact, roar with laughter, at least not compared to other jokes during the evening. From where I sat, most who laughed were reacting to the outrageousness of the "joke." Even Sykes acknowledged that she'd gone too far, but noted that we'd be talking about it later. She got that part right.

My own thought at the time was: "Oh dear. She just gave Rush the gift of a lifetime." But as a committed non-literalist, I assumed Sykes didn't really think that Rush is a terrorist. That she didn't really hope he suffers kidney failure. Or that he needs a good waterboarding.

Rush Limbaugh is rich in satire ops — and Sykes missed them. That the president was captured



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Comic actress Wanda Sykes speaks at the annual White House Correspondents' Association dinner with President Barack Obama, at right, as the guest of honor, in Washington on Saturday.

on video laughing during the joke, alas, was also a gift to the sorry-sorcerer crowd. One minute he's handing the queen an iPod, the next he's laughing at dumb jokes. What's next? Invading a country?

Let's be clear. The joke was a dud. But you'd think from the scurrying of tiny feet that we were on the verge of appointing a Special Commission on Acceptable Humor. Don't laugh. At this

rate, it may be coming.

If Sykes deserves criticism, it's for being un-clever. To be funny, a joke has to reveal some truth buried deep in the collective psyche. As when Sykes said she wouldn't need to waterboard Sean Hannity to get information, because all she'd need to do is put him in a middle seat in coach.

Now that's funny — not because we infer that Hannity is a diva,

but because we're all divas when it comes to the middle seat. We have personal experience with that bit of torture. During a recent four-hour flight wedged between two folks who've apparently yet to decline dessert, I'd have confessed to whatever Sykes wanted for an upgrade to first class.

Alas, the joke on Limbaugh bore no resemblance to truth, and therefore wasn't funny. She didn't get under our skin with a scalpel; she hit us over the head with a cudgel. Limbaugh isn't like bin Laden or a 9/11 hijacker. His dislike of Obama's policies and his hope that they fail do not equate to hoping the country fails. No one's drug addiction is amusing.

That said, the punch lines weren't as awful as they now seem after numerous reruns. Nothing's funny the 27th time. What's clear, meanwhile, is that even humor has become a partisan affair. If you're not a fan of Limbaugh, you laughed. If you don't like Obama, you were ratified in your certitude that the president isn't up to snuff.

Lost in the frenzy is the more important matter of our thin-skinned intolerance and our reflexive lurch to take offense. We might remind ourselves that it's always the fanatics who can't take a joke.

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Obama right on target with new Afghanistan team

BY MAX BOOT

Los Angeles Times

President Barack Obama and his aides continue to impress with their handling of Afghanistan. Not only have they approved a major troop increase and a de facto commitment to nation-building, but now they have shifted personnel to make the most effective use of the added resources and turn around a failing war effort.

The big news is that Army Gen. David McKiernan is out after just 11 months as the top commander. He will be replaced by Lt. Gen. Stanley McChrystal. Just as important, if less heralded, is the decision to appoint Lt. Gen. David Rodriguez, who had previously served in Afghanistan as commander of the 82nd Airborne Division, as the second-ranking commander. His role will be vital: to help the overstretched NATO staff pull together its disjointed war effort.

When I visited Afghanistan recently, I spent a couple of hours with McKiernan. He struck me as competent but too conventional and too colorless, not the rare kind of dynamic leader who could turn around a campaign in trouble. He was no George Patton, Matthew Ridgway, Creighton Abrams — or David Petraeus.

In Iraq, I observed how hard Petraeus worked to impose his will not just on the enemy but on his own command. Outsiders may suppose that when a top general gives orders, his subordinates salute and execute. The reality is that, just as middle managers can frustrate the grand designs of a chief executive, so too lower-level officers and NCOs can act at odds with the grand strategy developed at the top.

To prevent that from happening, Petraeus took a variety of steps. He conducted frequent (and dangerous) "battlefield circulations," where he would spend time talking with units in the field. He wrote open letters to the entire command laying

out his vision. And he demanded that briefers at his daily updates present slides not just on traditional combat metrics but also on areas such as electricity generation and economic activity. He asked for that information to ensure that his subordinates made those "lines of operation" a priority.

McKiernan, an armored officer, was not able to articulate and impose such a counterinsurgency strategy on his command. McChrystal, a Special Forces officer, is more likely to succeed. He spent an unusually long time (2003-2008) heading the Joint Special Operations Command, which is responsible for "black" counterterrorism operations using elite units. His longevity in that difficult job at a critical time was a testament to his effectiveness. ...

McChrystal also apparently grasps what McKiernan did not: Running the Afghanistan war cannot be a one-man show. There is a need to replicate the Iraq model with a four-star general focusing on strategic issues while a three-star deputy oversees

daily operations. That role was filled in Iraq by Army Lt. Gen. Raymond Odierno, but McKiernan resisted such a setup in Afghanistan. Now McChrystal is expected to make Rodriguez the Odierno of Afghanistan.

Let's forget that counterinsurgency is as much a political as a military undertaking, on the very day of McChrystal's appointment, a new U.S. ambassador arrived in Kabul. Karl Eikenberry, himself a retired general and former commander in Afghanistan, will have to coordinate the civilian side of the war effort, as Ambassador Ryan Crocker did so ably in Iraq.

In some ways, the task faced by the new leadership team of McChrystal-Rodriguez-Eikenberry is easier than the one that confronted Petraeus-Odierno-Crocker in 2007. Afghanistan has gotten more violent, but civilian casualties there last year were still 16 times lower than in Iraq in 2006. The Afghan insurgents have a long way to go before they can match the threat once

posed by al-Qaida in Iraq, the Mahdist army and other Iraqi terrorist groups.

But, in other ways, Afghanistan is even tougher. Its insurgency does not have an obvious center of gravity, like Baghdad in Iraq. The enemy is spread out across a vast landscape and enjoys support zones in Pakistan, where American ground forces can't go. An added complication is that the war effort is less U.S.-centric than in Iraq. Not only are there more foreign military contingents (41 in all) but also more aid organizations. Having allies can be a good thing, but it can also create lots of coordination headaches for senior leaders.

If anyone is up to handling these difficult tasks, it is the A-team that Obama has assembled. Knowing they are on the job ... I have more confidence in the outcome in Afghanistan than I did just a few days ago.

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Prickly City



BY SCOTT STANTIS

3 arrested in dorm popcorn burning

CT NEW BRITAIN — Police at Central Connecticut State University say there wasn't much laughing when an early morning prank filled a dormitory with smoke.

Several students struggled to get out because their doors were tied shut.

Authorities arrested three people at Vance Hall, but no one was hurt. Police say the smoke came from popcorn that was intentionally burned in a microwave.

Man charged in slaying of girlfriend, children

WI STEVENS POINT — A Wisconsin man found inside his gasoline-soaked home with his infant daughter has been charged with killing his estranged girlfriend and their two other children.

A criminal complaint charges Shane Kettner with three counts of first-degree intentional homicide.

The 36-year-old Kettner faces life in prison if convicted. Investigators allege that Kettner was armed but lethargic from gas fumes when he was found in the Nelsonville home on April 30.

Sham wedding lands woman in prison

AL MOBILE — A federal judge has decided that a Texas woman who agreed to a sham marriage so a drug supplier could more easily cross the border will spend two years in prison.

Lynn Carol Page, 48, of Sugarland, Texas, pleaded guilty to a drug conspiracy that shipped more than 150 kilograms of cocaine to the Mobile area.

Page acknowledged taking \$9,000 from a Houston drug kingpin, Daron Odell Jones, to marry one of his suppliers in Mexico.

Page told U.S. District Judge Charles Butler Jr. in Mobile that she knew it was wrong to take the \$9,000, but it helped put a roof over her head and her daughter's head.

Postal worker accused of selling stolen stamps

MI DETROIT — Authorities say a rural postal carrier in suburban Detroit stole and sold stamps worth nearly \$20,000 because he was behind on his mortgage.

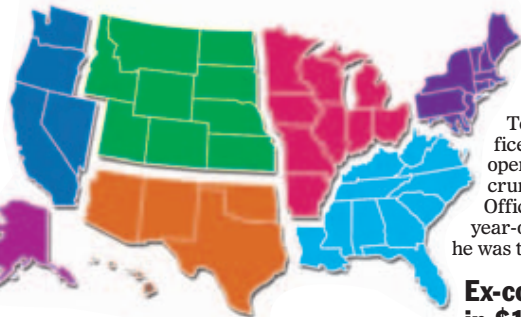
Postal agents confronted John Auito on April 30 outside his home in Macomb. He told agents that he typically sold the stamps at a 15 percent discount. Auito contacted people who had participated in stamp auctions on eBay.

Auito told agents that he began taking stamps in September because he feared foreclosure.

State officials unveil plan to fight obesity

VA RICHMOND — The Virginia Department of Health has unveiled a new program that seeks to lower the state's adult obesity rate.

The health department said the obesity rate in Virginia has in-



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creased 67 percent among adults over the past decade.

The plan, called CHAMPION, follows a series of regional meetings that included input from health professionals, residents and educators.

Company says casino planned at Greenbrier

WV CHARLESTON — The owner of a company that announced it had acquired the rights to The Greenbrier says he plans to build a casino now that legislation has been signed to regulate gambling at the resort.

Justice Family Group owner Jim Justice told The Charleston Gazette the casino would cost \$15 million to \$20 million and could be completed by December.

Gov. Joe Manchin signed legislation that would regulate gambling at The Greenbrier the same as the state's racetrack casinos.

Man allegedly tried to eat, hide crack cocaine

TX TYLER — A man Tyler police say tried to hide crack cocaine by eating it has been sentenced to 40 years in prison for tampering with evidence.

John Jarrell Rose of Tyler entered his plea as his trial was to begin.

Prosecutors say the Feb. 18 traffic stop happened amid reports

that a similar vehicle was used for dealing cocaine.

The Tyler Morning Telegraph reports an officer noticed an unlabeled open pill bottle with white crumbs on the floorboard. Officers ordered the 57-year-old Rose to spit out what he was trying to swallow.

Ex-cop gets 10 years in \$100K bank heist

PA PHILADELPHIA — A former New York transit officer who pulled a gun on three bank tellers, one of them nine months pregnant, during a Reading bank heist was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

Christian Torres, 22, still faces charges in New York for two bank heists there.

Torres admitted he pulled the April 2008 "takeover" heist of the Sovereign Bank branch in Reading, which occurred as the bank was opening for the morning. Wearing a hat and wig, he approached a bank employee in the parking lot, followed her inside and forced employees into a vault at gunpoint before making off with \$113,000.

Balloon satellite bursts off Hawaiian island

HI HONOLULU — The missing payload module of a University of Hawaii Manoa Satellite Project has been found.

University graduate student Casey Cutler said the 1-cubic-foot module was discovered by two divers off Hawaii Kai.

Officials initially believed the highly buoyant module would come ashore between Koko Head and Kaneohe.

It landed in the ocean off Oahu after its balloon satellite burst at an altitude of less than 60,000 feet. The module had been slated to soar to more than 100,000 feet to take hundreds of aerial images.

Students hope to recover some of the photographic images taken by the module

Jet engine sucks in luggage container

CA LOS ANGELES — A large metal baggage container was sucked into the engine of a Japan Airlines Boeing 747 as the giant jetliner prepared to depart with 245 passengers from Los Angeles International Airport, authorities said.

The accident occurred when Flight 61 to Narita, Japan, pulled back from Gate 101 at Tom Bradley International Terminal.

Airport officials said the vacuum created by the air intake of the left outboard engine was so strong that it pulled the empty container off a baggage cart that was either parked or driven too close to the aircraft.

The metal box, which is used by airline baggage handlers to haul luggage to and from aircraft, measures approximately 5-feet-by-5-feet-by-4-feet.

Officials said the container became lodged in the engine's housing.

Japan Airlines took the 747-400 out of service and made other flight arrangements for the passengers and 18 crewmembers, who were returned to the Bradley terminal.



Signs of spring

Genesee County Road Commission employee Jeff Rotenheiser waits to fill a pothole on Saginaw Street in Vienna Township, Mich.



Dreary day

People walk through a passageway beneath City Hall during a rain storm in Philadelphia



Chemical burns

A fire burns at Columbus Chemical Industries in Columbus, Wis. Dozens of neighbors were forced to evacuate their homes.



Family project

Mark Ivy, right, daughter Brooke Ivy and son Andy Ivy pose next to their restored cars in Anchorage, Alaska. Mark Ivy helped his kids transform old rust buckets into vintage classics. Andy, 17, is now putting the finishing touches on his 1952 GMC pickup, restored from the bottom up over the past two years. Brooke, 24, rebuilt her 1968 VW Bug eight years ago.



Catch of the day

From left, Kara Jane Corum, 10, Bart Ashley and Matt Corum display some of the carp they caught at Reelfoot Lake near Union City, Tenn. The large fish ranged from 15 to 90 pounds and were caught with no bait. The fish were so thick they could just be hooked and reeled ashore, the trio said.



Rescue dog

A puppy named Jinx stands on a porch roof in Bloomsburg, Pa., just out of the reach of Brian Babilon. The pup had managed to free herself from her crate and make it around a window fan to get out on the roof while her owner was not home.



Clothier vs. creditor

A worker sews a project at a Hartmarx Corp. plant in Des Plaines, Ill., where suits for President Barack Obama are made. Workers voted unanimously to stage a sit-in if the clothier's creditor goes ahead with company liquidation. Hartmarx filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in January.

Former cop sentenced in gambling conspiracy

HI HONOLULU — A former Honolulu police officer and his wife have been sentenced for their roles in an illegal cockfight and gambling ring on Oahu's North Shore.

Former Sgt. Kevin Brunn, who was convicted of conspiracy and obstruction, will serve two years in prison, while his wife, Micha Terragna, received a two-year term.

The defense attorney asked the court to consider his client's 24 years of service, but U.S. District Judge Susan Oki Mollway told Brunn he was responsible for upholding the law, not violating it.

Brunn will begin his sentence next month while Terragna term starts in 2010. The judge staggered the sentences in consideration of their three children.

Woman accused in porn star prostitution ring

CA SANTA ANA — A woman is accused in California of making more than \$8.5 million from an online prostitution business that claimed to employ porn stars and fashion models.

Michelle Braun appeared in federal court in Orange County and was allowed to remain free pending her next pretrial hearing.

The Boca Raton, Fla., woman is accused of charging clients \$50,000 or more to spend the night with adult film stars, models, and actresses, The Orange County Register reported. Prosecutors say she used her travel business to launder the money.

Museum to display vintage motorcycles

VT SHELburne — Classic motorcycles will be on display this summer at the Shelburne Museum.

The museum is exhibiting 40 motorcycles for the show called "Full Throttle: Vintage Motorcycles, Custom Choppers and Racing Machines."

Associate Curator Kory Rogers tells the Burlington Free Press the idea for the exhibition came from members of the museum's board of directors.

The museum took delivery of seven motorcycles ranging from race-tested motocross bikes to a futuristic bike called "The Smackdown."

Rogers says the motorcycles fit in well with the museum's strong collection of early American transportation.

And officials say motorcycles are just as much American folk art as barn or cow paintings.

Babies switched at birth meet 56 years later

OR HEPPNER — On a spring day in 1953, two baby girls were born at Pioneer Memorial Hospital in eastern Oregon. They grew up happily, got married, had kids of their own and became grandparents. Then last summer their lives were turned upside down.

Kay Rene Reed Qualls found out that she and DeeAnn Angell Shaffer were switched at birth.

They recently met for the first

time and underwent DNA tests after a woman who knew both their mothers called Qualls' brother with her suspicion.

Qualls' brother, Bobby Reed, said the 86-year-old woman knew his mother and had also lived next door to the Angell family.

The woman, whom he declined to identify by name, told him that his mother, Marjorie Angell, had insisted back in 1953 she had been given the wrong baby after the nurses returned from bathing the two newborns, but her concerns were brushed off.

Man pinned by tree uses cell phone to call 911

NY HANNIBAL — State police say a central New York man was able to use his cell phone to call for help after a tree fell on him while he was logging on his property.

Troopers say Brodie Weaver, 24, was pinned under the tree after it fell on him in the woods in the Oswego County town of Hannibal, 30 miles northwest of Syracuse.

Police say Weaver called 911. Members of the Hannibal Volunteer Fire Department and a trooper lifted the tree off him enough so that another firefighter was able to cut the tree and free Weaver.

He was later transported by helicopter to University Hospital in Syracuse, where he was listed in stable condition.

Va. crime commission considers red light bill

VA RICHMOND — The mother of a woman killed by a police officer who sped through a busy intersection with lights but no siren is asking the Virginia State Crime Commission to support rewriting the law to make it certain that officers use both.

Ashley McIntosh was killed last year as a Fairfax County police officer ran a red light while responding to a shoplifting call.

Her mother, Cindy Colasanto, asked the commission to clarify the law to require that officers use sirens at busy intersections.

The law now says that in order to be exempt from certain traffic laws, such as running a red light, the officer must use lights and a siren, "as may be reasonably necessary."

That wording prompted a judge to find the officer not guilty of reckless driving.

Cyclists rate Maine third most bike-friendly state

ME AUGUSTA — A national bicycling group says Maine is the third most bike-friendly state in the country.

The League of American Bicyclists says Maine rose three spots in its 2009 ranking, based on a 75-item survey covering legislation, education, infrastructure and efforts to encourage people to ride bikes for transportation and recreation.

Allison Vogt of the Bicycle Coalition of Maine says Maine's law requiring motorists to give three feet of clearance when passing bikes has become a model for other states.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

This Aquarius moon is ripe with fresh ideas for the future. Ingenious solutions are hanging from a vine in the astral plane, just waiting to be picked. Relax and brainstorm. Send your inner critic on a long errand and deem every idea a possibility. Stay loose and your imagination will be fertile. You can always work out the practicalities tomorrow.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (MAY 15). You let yourself be loved this year. You'll enjoy extra attention through the next six weeks and a special relationship grows out of this cycle. Dynamic friends help you with an exciting project in July. You educate yourself in June. A new way of managing money will allow you to fund a December adventure. Aquarius and Aries adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). It's easy for you to get fired up. You're so responsive to the enthusiasm of dynamic people and you'll gravitate toward the ones who have the message you need. And do not let doubt enter your mind.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). You take care of business quickly so that you can get out and play. You do need to let off some steam and this is the perfect evening to howl at the moon. A Scorpio or Cancer will be an excellent partner in mischief.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Contrary to what the advertisements might say, there are no guarantees in life. And really, you wouldn't want that degree of security. You need the excitement that comes from risk, and that's exactly what you get now.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Plan quality time with your family. They need you. Anyhow, you could use a little group fun and in the process you'll heal each other. With this effort you will create a very positive memory.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). You'll be meeting and greeting. It's good for your business, but that's not why

you make the effort. You're so curious about others that you can't help but reach out and forge a connection.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). It might feel like you're meandering a bit. Dive into a morning project and your energy gets focused right quick! Productivity raises your self-esteem. Keep track of all of your accomplishments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). On many occasions you have received what you (thought you) wanted and were somehow dissatisfied. Now you know better and will decide to want something that will absolutely bring you happiness.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There will be a new reason to complete stalled projects. The other people involved have personal motivation for making this a success. Your enthusiasm will be the key to keeping up group morale.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). An amazing turn of events is unfolding. You don't have to think very hard to come up with good reasons to be awestruck; although, you do have to be open to the wonder of simple things.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). It will be validating to get together with people who know you well. Note that these may not be the people who have known you the longest. New friends could be very much on your wavelength.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Your trust in the powers that be may waver, and perhaps that's a positive sign. After all, you can't expect anyone to deliver perfectly every time. The anticipation of mistakes will help you avoid them.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You will make a strong impression, either good or bad. The key to turning this in a positive direction is knowing whom you are dealing with. With a little research you'll avoid offending them and maybe even make them laugh.

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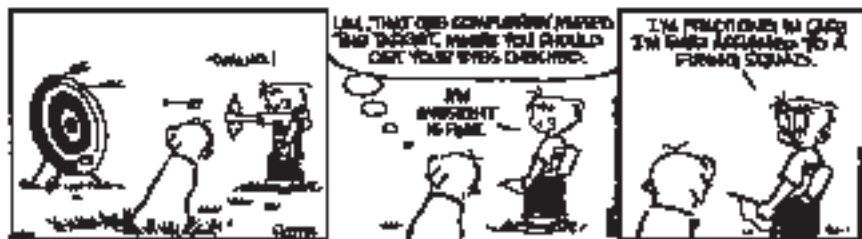
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Woman wants nights with beau

Dear Abby: I'm a 21-year-old woman who just moved back home after two years of living and learning on my own. My family has been wonderful to accept me back into their home until I finish my studies in a few months, after which I assume I'll be getting a job and my own place.

I have an amazing boyfriend, "Jordan," with whom I would love to spend some nights. I'm afraid if I do I would be disrespecting my parents' wishes — my father is a preacher — but at the same time I feel restricted because I got used to being on my own and doing what I wanted.

I know a few months doesn't sound like a long time, but what if I can't get a job right away and have to stay here longer? Jordan and I aren't ready to move in together, but we'd like some overnight visits. What do you think?

— Grown-up Girl

Dear Abby



in Kentucky
Dear Grown-up Girl: Have your parents met Jordan? Do they like him? If they have and they do, it would make things easier on you. You should definitely respect your father's position and sensitivities. A more acceptable compromise than spending "nights out" might be for you and Jordan to arrange some weekend get-aways together. Of this I am certain: Young love will find a way.

Dear Abby: I am a man who, for 46 years, has been celebrating my birthday on Aug. 31. I recently took a trip to Northern California to visit my older sister. While we were talking about our birthdays and our late parents, my sister dropped a bombshell. She informed me that my birthday was NOT Aug. 31, but actually Sept. 1 — like hers.

As you can imagine, I was shocked. Why would my own

mother lie to me about something as important as my own date of birth? Mom even went so far as to have the doctor change the date on my birth certificate! My two older brothers confirmed it.

I am devastated at the dishonesty. Why would a mother do such a thing? Celebrating my birthday will never be the same again.

— Searching For Answers in Syracuse

Dear Searching For Answers: If I had to guess, I'd say your mother was trying to do you a favor. She didn't want you and your sister to have to share a birthday; she wanted each of you to have your own special day.

What I find disconcerting is that the doctor would go along with it because a birth certificate is a legal document, and to change it is not only a breach of ethics, but also against the law.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby>
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JUMBLE

Unscramble three four-letter words, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Answer: HIS OF

Yesterday's Jumble: FLOUT OFTEN DEAFEN THRIVE
Answer: Mom didn't answer the phone because she was — ON THE "LINE"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Mike Jeppetto and Jeff Knaus



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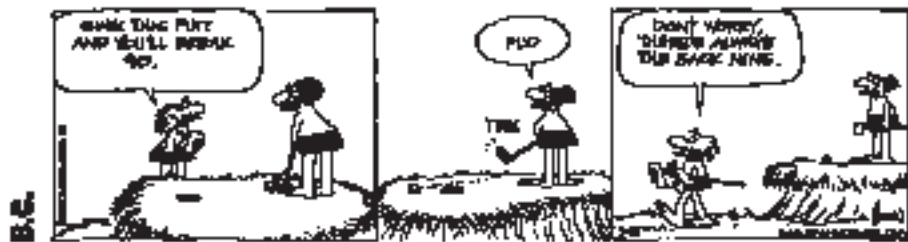
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Answer: HIS OF

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumble: FLOUT OFTEN DEAFEN THRIVE
Answer: Mom didn't answer the phone because she was — ON THE "LINE"

Speed Bump



AFRTS Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on AFN's Web site at <http://myafn.dodmedia.osd.mil/>

THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2009

	(AFN-ATLANTIC)	(AFN-FAMILY)	(AFN-MOVIE)	(AFN-NEWS)	(AFN-PACIFIC)	(PENTAGON)	(SPECTRUM)	(AFN-SPORTS)	(XTRA)
9:00	CSI: Miami "Death Pool 100"	The Wonder Pets!	Movie "Coal Miner's Daughter" (1980, Biography) Sissy Spacek, Tommy Lee Jones, Beverly D'Angelo.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer	The View	Recon	Mad About You	(8:00) NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	(8:00) Sports
9:30		Little Einsteins				State Dept Briefing	Living Single		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Peep-Big World		Hannity	Dr. Phil	Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:30		Curious George				AFN Europe Report		NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	Sports
11:00	Dr. Phil	Little Einsteins	(-15) Movie "About a Boy" (2002) Hugh Grant. A lonely boy finds a friend in a carefree bachelor.	Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	The Grill Sergeants	E! News		
11:30		The Wonder Pets!			Everybody-Raymond	Fit For Duty	The Daily 10		
12:00	CBS Evening News	Super Why!		Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Battleground	Star Trek "The Naked Time"		
12:30	ESPNNews	Go, Diego, Go!			Judge Judy	Around the Services			
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Blue's Clues	Movie "On Golden Pond" (1981, Comedy-Drama) Katharine Hepburn, Henry Fonda, Jane Fonda.	Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Reba	Inside the NBA	
13:30		Bear in the House				Downrange	Girlfriends		
14:00	NBC Nightly News	Sesame Street		Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	AFN Europe Report	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Sports
14:30	World News-Gibson					Balad and Beyond			
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	(-05) Movie "Stand and Deliver" (1988, Drama) Edward James Olmos, Lou Diamond Phillips.	The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	Fit For Duty	Design on a Dime	SportsCenter	
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals				Battleground	Decorating Cents		
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon		Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	The Grill Sergeants	Ice Road Truckers "A Trucker's Farewell"	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30		(-40) Zatch Bell		Tavis Smiley		Recon			
17:00	Dr. Phil	The Fairly OddParents	Inside the Actors Studio Actor Mike Myers.	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja		Nightline	Jeopardy!	Downrange	That '70s Show		Futurama
18:00	Judge Alex	SpongeBob SquarePants	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Week-Pentagon	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30	Everybody-Raymond	Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight		Around the Services	The American Veteran	The Colbert Report	Baseball Tonight	Family Guy
19:00	Access Hollywood	Just Jordan	Movie "Wild Hogs" (2007, Comedy) Tim Allen, John Travolta. Four friends take a motorcycle road trip.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	King of the Hill	Briefing Encore	American Idol Contestant faces elimination.	NFL Live	The Hills
19:30	Judge Judy	The Naked Brothers Band			(-25) The Simpsons	Fit For Duty		NBA Fastbreak	Life of Ryan
20:00	The Young and the Restless	Made "Girly Girl to Motocross" Motocross rider.		Today	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Nickless Family"	Battleground	America's Next Top Model "Take Me to the Jungle"	SportsCenter	The Real World
20:30						Recon Revisited			
21:00	General Hospital	Everybody Hates Chris	(8:55) Movie "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" (2004) Renée Zellweger, Hugh Grant, Colin Firth.	Today	House "Big Baby"	Around the Services	Burn Notice "Lesser Evil"	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	Real World -- Road Rules Challenge
21:30		The Cosby Show				Pacific Report			
22:00	Days of our Lives	Degrassi: TNG		America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Briefing Encore	Seinfeld "The Betrayal"		Best Damn Sports Show Period
22:30		Strange Days			The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Recon	Friends		
23:00	Oprah Winfrey	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman	Movie "Austin Powers in Goldmember" (2002)	Newsroom	Late Show-Letterman	Army Newswatch	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	Baseball Tonight	Attack of the Show!
23:30						Downrange	The Colbert Report		

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2009

00:00	Wheel of Fortune	SpongeBob SquarePants	(11:00) Movie "Austin Powers in Goldmember" (2002)	MSNBC Live	Late Show-Letterman	This Week in the Pentagon	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	SportsCenter	X Play
00:30	Jeopardy!	Hannah Montana			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Fit For Duty			Futurama
1:00	Headline News	Just Jordan	(12:50) Movie "Shanghai Knights" (2003) Jackie Chan, Chon Wang and his comrades shake up Victorian England.	Happening Now	Judge Judy	The American Veteran	The Biggest Loser	SportsCenter	The Simpsons
1:30	ATS/AFN Report	The Naked Brothers Band				Around the Services			Family Guy
2:00	King of the Hill	Made "Girly Girl to Motocross" Motocross rider.		Newsroom	CSI: Miami "If Looks Could Kill"	Downrange	Pirate Master	MLB Baseball Los Angeles Dodgers at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (Subject to Blackout) (Live)	The Hills
2:30	(-25) The Simpsons					All Hands TV			Life of Ryan
3:00	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "Nickless Family"	Everybody Hates Chris	Movie "Wild Hogs" (2007, Comedy) Tim Allen, John Travolta, Martin Lawrence. Four friends take a motorcycle road trip.	MSNBC Live	Oprah Winfrey	Recon Revisited	Medium A man claiming to be Death appears to Allison		The Real World
3:30		The Cosby Show				State Dept Briefing			
4:00	House Cuddy gives some of her responsibilities to Cameron.	Degrassi: Next Generation		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Dr. Phil	Battleground	Seinfeld "The Betrayal"		Real World -- Road Rules Challenge
4:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey			Final Score	Around the Services	Friends		
5:00	Headline News	Teletubbies	(4:55) Movie "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" (2004, Romance-Comedy) Renée Zellweger, Hugh Grant, Colin Firth.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Headline News	The American Veteran	Kiana's Flex Appeal	NFL Live	Best Damn Sports Show Period
5:30	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	Barney & Friends		Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	This Week in the Pentagon	Denise Austin's Getting Fit	Jim Rome Is Burning	Attack of the Show!
6:00		Sesame Street				Downrange	Take Home Chef	Around the Horn	
6:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Bear in the Big Blue House	Inside the Actors Studio Actor Mike Myers.	Around the Services	Good Morning America	Around the Services	Rachael's Vacation	Pardon the Interruption	
7:00		Blue's Clues		NBC Nightly News		Battleground	FitNation	SportsCenter	MTV Hits Playlist
7:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Dora the Explorer	What It Takes	World News-Gibson	Sesame Street	Fit For Duty	The Morning Show With Mike & Juliet		Sports
8:00		Movie "The Land Before Time IV: Journey Through the Mists" (1996) Heather Hogan	Entertainment Tonight	CBS Evening News		Around the Services		NBA Shootaround	
8:30	Judge Judy	Time IV: Journey Through the Mists" (1996) Heather Hogan	Movie "Boys on the Side" (1995, Drama) Whoopi Goldberg. A cross-country trip draws three women together.		The View	Recon Revisited	Mad About You	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	
9:00	CSI: Miami "If Looks Could Kill"			Hannity	Dr. Phil	State Dept Briefing	Living Single		
9:30		Peep-Big World				Fit For Duty	Guiding Light		
10:00	Oprah Winfrey	Curious George		Anderson Cooper 360	Judge Alex	AFN Europe Report	E! News		Sports
10:30		LazyTown	(-05) Movie "28 Days" (2000) Sandra Bullock, Viggo Mortensen. A writer is forced to come to terms with her addictions.		Everybody Loves Raymond	Sun City Soldier	The Daily 10	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	
11:00	Dr. Phil	Higglytown Heroes	Movie "The American President" (1995) Michael Douglas. A rival exploits the president's romance with a lobbyist.	Special Report With Bret Baier	Access Hollywood	Fit For Duty	Star Trek "The Enemy Within"		
11:30		Handy Manny			Judge Judy	Around the Services	Reba "Cherene's Rival"		
12:00	CBS Evening News	Dora the Explorer		Campbell Brown: No Bias, No Bull	The Young and the Restless	Briefing Encore	Girlfriends		
12:30	ESPNNews	Blue's Clues		Your World With Neil Cavuto	General Hospital	Downrange	Emeril Live	SportsCenter	Sports
13:00	Prime News Tonight	Bear in the Big Blue House		The Rachel Maddow Show	Days of our Lives	AFN Europe Report			
13:30		Sesame Street	(-10) Movie "Bullets Over Broadway" (1994) John Cusack. A mob bodyguard secretly helps polish a playwright's work.	Around the Services	Oprah Winfrey	Recon Revisited	How Do I Look?	SportsCenter	
14:00	NBC Nightly News		Behind the Scenes	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer		Army Newswatch			
14:30	World News-Gibson		The Big Tease	Nightly Business Report	Wheel of Fortune	EXchange on Air	Ice Road Truckers "A Rookie Fumbles"	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	MTV Hits Playlist
15:00	Sesame Street	Funniest Home Videos	What It Takes	The O'Reilly Factor	Jeopardy!	Around the Services	King of the Hill		X Play
15:30		Planet's Funniest Animals	Entertainment Tonight			Downrange	That '70s Show		Futurama "Godfellas"
16:00	The View	(3:50) Pokémon	Movie "The Da Vinci Code" (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou, Ian McKellen. A religious mystery could rock foundations of Christianity.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	World News-Gibson	Today's Air Force	Daily Show-Jon Stewart	NBA Fastbreak	The Simpsons
16:30		(-40) Zatch Bell			Around the Services	All Hands TV	The Colbert Report	Baseball Tonight	Family Guy
17:00	Dr. Phil	(-05) Movie "Rugrats Go Wild" (2003, Comedy) Voices of Bruce Willis, Chrissie Hynde.		Today	The Biggest Loser	Briefing Encore	Criss Angel Mindfreak		World Series of Poker (Part 1 of 4)
17:30		Wizards of Waverly Place				Fit For Duty	My Name Is Earl		
18:00	Judge Alex	Just Jordan		Today	Survivor: Tocantins	Battleground	The Amazing Race 14	SportsCenter	World Series of Poker (Part 2 of 4)
18:30	Everybody Loves Raymond	Everybody Hates Chris				Recon Revisited	Brothers & Sisters "Glass Houses"	NBA Basketball Teams to Be Announced.	South Park "The Entity"
19:00	Access Hollywood	Heroes "Seven Minutes to Midnight"	(9:50) Movie "Bounce" (2000, Romance) Gwyneth Paltrow. A widow's new beau inadvertently caused her husband's death.	America's Newsroom	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld "The Apology"		Best Damn Sports Show Period
19:30	Judge Judy	Dr. Quinn, Medicine Woman "Washita" (Part 1 of 2)		Newsroom	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno	All Hands TV	Friends		
20:00	The Young and the Restless				Late Show-Letterman	Today's Air Force	Daily Show-Jon Stewart		Attack of the Show!
20:30						Downrange	The Colbert Report	NBA Action	
21:00	General Hospital								
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Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - Bloch Girls pink Short Sleeve Leotard Bloch Girls pink Dance Long Sleeve Leotard. Never been used. Size 12 Paid \$17 + S & H asking for \$10 Call 614-358-4889

Yokota, Japan - Purple dress size 24 I never wore this dress, the person who gave it to me never wore it either. It does not accent my shape the way I want it to. Beautiful dress thought Asking \$15 OBO Call 720-257-6857 or email sunflowers1648@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Size 18-20 Black leather jacket! Lightly worn \$200 jacket I lost weight I no longer want the jacket. Asking \$80 OBO Please call 720-257-6857 or email sunflowers1648@yahoo.com

Club/Parties 340

YOKOHAMA WORLD FRIENDS INTERNATIONAL PARTY May 16 Sat 6:30-9pm Restaurant Forest Avenue. Biggest International Party in Yokohama. Meet 150 people, 20 kinds of free cocktails, Free Snacks, 3000 Yen http://www.worldfriends-party.com Call 080-2001-0512 party@goover.co.jp

Computers 360

Yokota, Japan - Brand new - KORG micro control USB midi controller/synch. The box has been opened, but it has never been taken out or used. This keyboard is one of a kind, easy to use, and very fun to play. From a store, expect to pay \$350-\$400 for this new unused, far less, Asking \$250 flexible Please call Parmenter 080-5409-7204

Furniture 510

Atsugi - Sofa & Love seat (tan color) both in great condition. Asking \$100 for both. For more information call Lucy @ 080-3596-7202 or e-mail me @ lemoerairider@yahoo.com. Furniture currently in storage.

Yokota, Japan - beautiful sofa flexsteel sofa is made by the leading name in quality couches. and has a regal crown back. I cannot say enough about the top quality manufacturing, but we are ready for a change. Asking \$250 Please call 1-509-343-795 or email sprunkmd@comcast.net

Furniture 510

Yokota, Japan - (2) Twin Beds with Bedding Set We have two twin beds for sale, with red headboard, mattress, box springs, and rails. Both beds come complete with a bedding set that includes sheets, shame bed-skirt. Sorry, we only have one matching comforter for one bed only. The box springs and mattresses are in good condition. Asking \$50 Please call 0428-74-7350 or email z1mme@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Berkline "TAUPE" Chair w/ recliner absolutely nothing wrong with this! Only selling to downsize our load a bit the Extra currently has the matching couch, love-seat, etc. I do know that this set is one of their best selling ones. This is so comfortable, roomy, relaxing. I love our other pieces that we have for this set. This is the Berkline "dream make" reclining chair-Natural Taupe Color. Paid \$580 asking \$400 Please call 916-473-4488 to come take a look in person serious buyers only please! So sorry, I do not have PICS.

Yokota, Japan - Cockatiel & Small Bird Accessories Bird Cage Wood Tabletop Playpen Heater Bonanza Bird Food Airline Approved Bird Carrier (12" W x 17" L x 8" H) weighs 3 lbs. Approved by U.S. airlines, this carrier slides easily under airplane seats for a comfortable, affordable way for small to medium parrots to travel in the airline cabin. Asking \$60 Please email jamerica2002@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Complete Toddler Bedroom Set Excellent condition. Under 1 year old Set includes: Solid wood toddler bed, Cane Wood Tabletop Playpen, Leotard, Bonanza Bird Food Airline Approved Bird Carrier (12" W x 17" L x 8" H) weighs 3 lbs. Approved by U.S. airlines, this carrier slides easily under airplane seats for a comfortable, affordable way for small to medium parrots to travel in the airline cabin. Asking \$60 Please email jamerica2002@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Dining room table we are PCS'ing and getting new furniture. The table is a dark glass rectangle shape with 4 black chairs. Please call for info. Asking \$100 OBO Please call 720-257-6857 or email sunflowers1648@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - End table and coffee table Black with gold trim. Very nice but I am getting new furniture and PCS'ing. Asking \$30 each OBO Please call 720-257-6857 or email sunflowers1648@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Entertainment center-able to hold up to a 36" TV with shelves for DVD player, video games, or just to hold movies. Asking \$60 matching side table- asking \$25 asking \$80 for both please contact me at T_bone281@me.com or at 090-1395-4410

Yokota, Japan - gorgeous sofa sleeper Rich burgundy, blue and green plaid has a high back and can go great alone or with our other sofa on this site. It also a full-sized Hide-a-Bed, great for occasional guests. Asking \$300 Please call 1-509-343-0795 or email sprunkmd@comcast.net

Yokota, Japan - Japanese Table w/glass cover Beautiful Japanese table with plum branch-flowing painting on top. It comes with a glass cover to prevent scratches and stain Excellent Condition. Please call 1-858-368-6848 or email bdder@armed-svc.com

Yokota, Japan - Oriental bar take a look! Oriental bar from the Asian bazaar Paid 1300 has a spinning glass holder and a removable wine rack! Asking \$800 Please email skvan@hotmail.com

Furniture 510

Yokota, Japan - Roll Top Desk Nice small, desk with seven drawers and nine small compartments. Asking \$75 Please call 858-368-6848 or email bdder@armed-svc.com

Yokota, Japan - We have a Queen Size Black Wrought Iron Canopy Bed Frame, \$50. No mattress included. Please call 210-547-9918 or email thepamperedstamper4u@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Wicker shelving unit I have 2 wicker storage units, one is 5ft and the other 5ft tall. They are great; we are just getting different furniture! Asking 440 each OBO Please call 720-257-6857 or email sunflowers1648@yahoo.com

Furniture/Appliances 511

Yokota, Japan - Dehumidifier Whirlpool Purchased 2007 for \$165. Model AD40DSR1. Asking \$90 Please call 214-261-6361 or email mneeleey@armed-svc.com

Yokota, Japan - Fellowes Paper shredder, Stand Fan, and Hover Vac16" stand fan 3-speed oscillates 100; Upright vacuum with attachments nice condition this carrier slides easily under airplane seats for a comfortable, affordable way for small to medium parrots to travel in the airline cabin. Asking \$60 Please email jamerica2002@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Fujitsu Refrigerator/ Freezer Full Size "Simple Style" Refrigerator/ Freezer Excellent condition, less than 1 year old. No scratches or dents. Separate freezer/ refrigeration compartments. Plenty of internal racks, shelves, vegetable bins, egg holders, door shelves, and ice trays. Temperature control settings. Light tan color. Bought new for \$240 asking only \$125 Please call 090-8478-1050 or email japanmissions@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Range/ Convection/ Microwave Oven National Range/ Convection/ Microwave Oven Excellent condition Less than 1 year old. Fully functional microwave, convection oven and range Bake and oven cook like normal in Japan - fresh chocolate chip cookies! Interior dimensions can fit full-size 9" x 13" pans. Come with pans, bake rack, and original manual. Bought new for \$150 asking only \$50 Please call Woody 090-8478-1050 or email japanmissions@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Washing Machine Overhead Rack Sanyo 4.2kg Washing Machine + Overhead Rack Used but in good condition. Standard Japanese Sanyo. Some slight scratches and minor dents on outside but works like a champ. New hoses. Overhead rack has two storage racks and one clothes line hanging bar. Rack can adjust width to accommodate different size machines or laundry space. The rack itself cost \$40 and the washing machine was \$120. Asking only \$40 for the entire set Please call 090-8478-1050 or email japanmissions@gmail.com

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Yokota, Japan - Bathroom Set Great deal! This is a brand new with price tags still attached! Zebra(tan & brown) Bathroom rug 2 Zebra(tan & brown) Decorative towel's 1 tan shower curtain 1 bamboo trash can 1 bamboo soap dispenser and 1 bamboo toothbrush holder Retail's for \$125 We are asking \$60 Please call (949) 258-6840 or email trystalayne00@gmail.com

Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - Kitchen Curtains New Valencia 59" by 11 1/2 inches Curtains (each) 29 1/2 x 37 inches. Bought not realizing my husband had some already, never used or washed, asking \$15 full set please call Rosanne 2108814413

Yokota, Japan - Martha Stewart 12x12 Fabric Storage Boxes these are great for organizing all your scrapbooking items, arts-n-crafts, toys, etc. I had all my scrapbooking 12x12 paper w/ matching stickers/ribbons, etc. inside each one. With the window in front to label, I was able to stay organized. These were really hard to get at the BX, so when my husband was in the states, & w/ the help of my mom going to different stores, they were able to find some. I have 9 of these several solid natural brown colors w/ several solid light blue colors. Paid \$20-\$25 each, asking \$8.00 each, firm. I also have a few bags of scrapbooking items that I put together if you've ever been to England, Ballarina, New packs of pastel cardstocks, Travel items, Scrapbooks that light up, etc. Please call Angela 916-473-4488

Yokota, Japan - Organizers (rolling, non-rolling), duffie bag I have a Red/Black Rolling Duffie bag that my husband bought at Big 5 sporting goods for \$40. Only asking \$6.50 I have a clear/sheer blue 3 drawer rolling organizer. This fits perfectly in my bathroom, next to toilet, to hold toilet paper, hand towels, etc. You can also use it for organizing toys/crafts, ETC. \$6.50 (I also have a matching little organizer-great for hair accessories/small toys/crafts-\$2.50) Cream color/1-drawer on wheels organizer-1st perfect in my bathroom, next to toilet, to hold toilet paper, hand towels, etc. You can also use it for organizing toys/crafts, ETC. \$6.50 (I also have a matching little organizer-great for hair accessories/small toys/crafts-\$2.50) Cream color/1-drawer on wheels organizer-1st perfect in my bathroom, next to toilet, to hold toilet paper, hand towels, etc. You can also use it for organizing toys/crafts, ETC. \$6.50 (I also have a matching little organizer-great for hair accessories/small toys/crafts-\$2.50) Cream color/1-drawer on wheels organizer-1st perfect in my bathroom, next to toilet, to hold toilet paper, hand towels, etc. You can also use it for organizing toys/crafts, ETC. \$6.50 (I also 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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Friday
AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.—MLB: L.A. Dodgers at Philadelphia.
AFN-Sports, 8 a.m.—NBA: playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinals, Game 6, Boston at Orlando.
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.—NHL: playoffs: Western Conference semifinals, Game 7, Anaheim at Detroit.
AFN-Sports, 10:30 a.m.—NBA: playoffs: Western Conference semifinals, Game 6, Lakers at Houston.
AFN-Xtra, 10:30 a.m.—NHL: playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinals, Game 7, Carolina at Boston (joined in progress).
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—NBA: playoffs: Eastern Conference semifinals, Game 6, Boston at Orlando (dtd).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.—NBA: playoffs: Western Conference semifinals, Game 6, L.A. Lakers at Houston (dtd).
Saturday
AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.—MLB: Houston at Chicago Cubs.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—NBA: playoffs: Western Conference semifinal, Game 6, Dallas at Denver, if necessary.
AFN-Pacific, 11 a.m.—MLB: Cincinnati at San Diego.
AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.—MLB: Boston at Seattle.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.—NBA: playoffs: Western Conference semifinals, Game 6, Dallas at Denver, if necessary (dtd).

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College lacrosse

NCAA Men's Division I Championship
First Round
Saturday, May 9
Johns Hopkins 12, Brown 11, OT
North Carolina 15, UMB 13
Cornell 11, Hofstra 8
Duke 14, Navy 5
Sunday, May 10
Maryland 7, Notre Dame 3
Virginia 18, Villanova 6
Princeton 10, Massachusetts 7
Syracuse 11, Siena 4
Quarterfinals
Saturday, May 16
At Hempstead, N.Y.
Cornell (11-3) vs. Princeton (13-2)
Maryland (10-6) vs. Syracuse (13-2)
Sunday, May 17
At Annapolis, Md.
Virginia (14-2) vs. Johns Hopkins (10-4)
North Carolina (12-5) vs. Duke (14-3)
At Gillette Stadium Foxborough, Mass.
Semifinals
Saturday, May 23
Virginia-Johns Hopkins winner vs. Cornell-Princeton winner, Noon or 2 p.m.
Maryland-Syracuse winner vs. North Carolina-Duke winner, Noon or 2 p.m.
Championship
Monday, May 25
Semifinal winners

AP spotlight

May 15
1876 — Vagrants, ridden by Robert Swim, wins the second Kentucky Derby by two lengths over Creedmore.
1918 — The Preakness, run in two divisions, is won by War Cloud, ridden by Johnny Loftus in the first half, Jack Hare Jr., ridden by C. Peak, wins the second half.
1937 — War Admiral, ridden by Charles Kurtzinger, battles Pompoon head-to-head from the top of the stretch and wins the Preakness Stakes by a head.
1948 — Citation, ridden by Eddie Arcaro, wins the Preakness Stakes by 5A lengths over Vulcan's Forge.
1971 — Canonerio II, ridden by Gustavo Avila, posts a 1A-length victory over Eastern Fleet in the Preakness Stakes.
1990 — Petr Klima ends a bizarre NHL marathon. His goal at 15:13 of the third overtime wins the longest game in Stanley Cup finals history for the Edmonton Oilers — a 3-2 series-opening victory over the Boston Bruins in a game delayed 25 minutes by a lighting problem.
1993 — Prairie Bayou, ridden by Mike Smith, rebounds from a second-place finish in the Kentucky Derby to become the first gelding to win the Preakness in 79 years.
1998 — Se Ri Pak shoots a 68 at the LPGA Championship for a two-day total of 9-under 133 — the lowest 36-hole score in the history of the tournament.
1998 — Notah Begay III joins Al Gelberger and Chip Beck as the only players to shoot a 59 on a U.S. pro tour. He does it at the Nike Old Dominion Open.
2003 — The three-year championship reign of the Los Angeles Lakers ends. Tim Duncan has 37 points and 16 rebounds, and Tony Parker adds 27 points to help the San Antonio Spurs overpower the Lakers 110-82 to win the Western Conference semifinal series 4-2.
2004 — With one breathtaking surge, Smartly Jones posts a record 11A-length victory in the Preakness. Rock Hard Ten, in his fourth start, finishes strong for second ahead of Eddington.

Pro soccer

MLS									
Eastern Conference									
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA			
D.C.	3	1	5	14	15	13			
Toronto FC	3	2	4	12	13	13			
Chicago	2	0	6	12	14	11			
Kansas City	3	4	2	11	12	12			
New England	2	2	3	9	6	12			
New York	1	2	5	8	9	11			
Columbus	1	2	5	8	11	14			
Western Conference									
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA			
Chivas USA	7	1	1	22	12	3			
Seattle	4	2	2	14	11	5			
Colorado	3	2	11	10	8				
Houston	3	2	11	7	5				
Real Salt Lake	3	4	1	10	14	11			
Los Angeles	1	1	6	9	10	10			
San Jose	1	5	2	5	8	16			
FC Dallas	1	6	1	4	7	15			
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.									
Saturday's games									
Chicago at Toronto FC									
Colorado at New England									
Houston at New York									
Seattle FC at FC Dallas									
Kansas City at Real Salt Lake									
D.C. United at Chivas USA									
Sunday's game									
Columbus at Los Angeles									
Saturday, May 23									
New England at Toronto									
Real Salt Lake at D.C. United									
Chivas USA at Kansas City									
Los Angeles at FC Dallas									
San Jose at Houston									
Seattle at Colorado									
Sunday, May 24									
Chicago at New York									

WPS									
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA			
Los Angeles	3	1	2	11	6	2			
Boston	3	2	1	10	8	8			
Chicago	2	1	2	8	6	3			
FC Gold Pride	2	3	1	7	7	8			
Sky Blue FC	1	2	2	5	3	4			
Saint Louis	1	2	2	5	4	12			
Washington	1	2	2	5	9	12			
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.									
Friday's game									
Sky Blue FC at Los Angeles									
Saturday's game									
FC Gold Pride at Chicago									
Sunday's games									
Washington at Boston									
Saturday, May 23									
Sky Blue FC at Washington									
Saint Louis at Chicago									
Sunday, May 24									
Los Angeles at FC Gold Pride									

Golf

World ranking									
Through May 10									
1. Tiger Woods	USA	9.87							
2. Phil Mickelson	USA	8.47							
3. Sergio Garcia	Esp	6.79							
4. Geoff Ogilvy	Aus	6.36							
5. Henrik Stenson	Swe	6.29							
6. Kenny Perry	USA	5.71							
7. Paul Casey	Eng	5.69							
8. Padraig Harrington	Ir	5.30							
9. Vijay Singh	Fji	5.26							
10. Camilo Villegas	Col	4.84							
11. Robert Karlsson	Swe	4.58							
12. Sean O'Hair	USA	4.52							
13. Steve Stricker	USA	4.47							
14. Jim Furyk	USA	4.40							
15. Anthony Kim	USA	4.17							
16. Lee Westwood	Eng	3.90							
17. Ernie Els	Saf	3.86							
18. Ian Poulter	Eng	3.79							
19. Rory McIlroy	Nir	3.73							
20. Mike Weir	Can	3.50							
21. Angel Cabrera	Arg	3.47							
22. Retief Goosen	Saf	3.37							
23. Luke Donald	Eng	3.35							
24. Martin Kaymer	Ger	3.23							
25. Stewart Cink	USA	3.20							
26. Zach Johnson	USA	3.17							
27. Justin Leonard	USA	3.07							
28. Alvaro Quiros	Esp	2.98							
29. Nick Watney	USA	2.96							
30. Robert Allenby	Aus	2.92							
31. Tim Clark	Saf	2.91							
32. Adam Scott	Aus	2.89							
33. Ben Curtis	USA	2.85							
34. Miguel Angel Jimenez	Esp	2.82							
35. K.J. Choi	Kor	2.82							
36. Justin Rose	Eng	2.81							
37. Shingo Katayama	Jpn	2.80							
38. Ross Fisher	Eng	2.75							
39. Jeev Milkha Singh	Ind	2.74							
40. Trevor Immelman	Saf	2.66							

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Tennis

Madrid Open
Wednesday
At Recinto Ferial Casa de Campo Madrid
Purse: Men, \$5.04 million (WT1000); Women, \$4.5 million (Premier)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Second Round
Juan Martin del Potro (5), Spain, def. Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic, 6-2, 4-1, ret.
Stanislav Wawrinka (11), Switzerland, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-4, 7-5.
Novak Djokovic (3), Serbia, def. Oscar Hernandez, Spain, 6-3, 6-3.
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Jurgen Melzer, Austria, 6-3, 6-1.
Philipp Kohlschreiber, Germany, def. Marin Cilic (13), Croatia, 6-1, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (2).
Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Sam Querrey, United States, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.
Gilles Simon (8), France, def. Fabio Fognini, Italy, 6-3, 6-2.
Women
Juan Monaco, Argentina, def. David Ferrer (12), Spain, 6-4, 6-4.
James Blake, United States, def. Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Third Round
Second Round
Victoria Azarenka (7), Belarus, def. Peng Shuai, China, 6-4, 6-1.
Alona Bondarenko, Ukraine, def. Svetlana Kuznetsova (6), Russia, 6-3, 6-2.
Vera Dushevina, Russia, def. Francesca Schiavone, Italy, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.
Amelie Mauresmo, France, def. Elena Dementieva (3), Russia, 1-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Tuesday
First Round
Marin Cilic (13), Croatia, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 6-2, 6-7 (4), 6-1.
Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Eduardo Schwank, Argentina, 7-5, 6-4.
Fabio Fognini, Italy, def. Paul-Henri Mathieu, France, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 3-0, retired.
Jurgen Melzer, Austria, def. Albert Montanes, Spain, 4-6, 7-5, 6-3.
Nikolay Davydenko (10), Russia, def. Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 6-2, 6-2.
Tomas Berdych, Czech Republic, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 6-0, 7-6 (5).
Jeremy Chardy, France, def. Jose Acasuso, Argentina, 6-3, 6-2.
James Blake (14), United States, def. Victor Hanescu, Romania, 6-2, 6-4.
Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Second Round
Tommy Robredo (16), Spain, def. Mardy Fish, United States, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2.
Fernando Verdasco (7), Spain, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, 6-3, 6-2.
Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (9), France, 6-4, 7-5.
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Robin Soderling, Sweden, 6-1, 7-5.
Andy Murray (4), Britain, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy, 7-6 (9), 6-4.
Women
Second Round
Francesca Schiavone, Italy, def. Petra Kvitova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-2.
Agnes Szavay, Hungary, def. Aravane Rezai, France, 2-6, 7-5, 6-2.
Caroline Wozniacki (9), Denmark, def. Varvara Lepchenko, United States, 6-3, 6-1.
Vera Dushevina, Russia, def. Robert Vinci, Italy, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.
Jelena Jankovic (4), Serbia, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, 7-5, 6-2.
Amelie Mauresmo, France, def. Zheng Jie (15), China, 6-2, 7-5.
Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, def. Anne Keothavong, Britain, 6-1, 7-5.
Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, def. Venus Williams (5), United States, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

Auto racing

Driver standings	
NASCAR Sprint Cup	
1. Jeff Gordon	1,601
2. Tony Stewart	1,572
3. Kurt Busch	1,546
4. Jimmie Johnson	1,465
5. Denny Hamlin	1,445
6. Jeff Burton	1,384
7. Kyle Busch	1,380
8. Ryan Newman	1,363
9. Greg Biffle	1,345
10. Matt Kenseth	1,326

Deals

Tuesday's transactions
BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
MLB—Fined Chicago White Sox RHP Bobby Jenks an undisclosed amount for throwing a pitch behind Texas 2B Ian Kinsler in a May 9 game.
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Placed 1B Kevin Youkilis on the 15-day DL, retroactive to May 5. Recalled INF Gil Velazquez from Pawtucket (IL).
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Activated INF Jamey Carroll from the 15-day DL. Optioned INF Josh Barfield to Columbus (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS—Activated LHP Dontrelle Willis from the 15-day DL. Designated RHP Juan Rincon for assignment.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Transferred OF Jose Duarte from Northwest Arkansas (Texas) to Omaha (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS—Activated OF Josh Hamilton from the 15-day DL. Assigned INF Joaquin Arias to Oklahoma City (PCL).
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Placed OF Conor Jackson on the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Bobby Korecky to Reno (PCL). Recalled LHP Clay Zavada from Mobile (SL).
FLORIDA MARLINS—Purchased the contract of LHP John Koronka from New Orleans (PCL). Transferred RHP Scott Proctor to the 60-day DL.
HOUSTON ASTROS—Activated C Humberto Quintero from the 15-day DL.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Agreed to terms with INF-OF Frank Catalanotto on a minor league contract.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Activated SS Jack Wilson from the 15-day DL. Optioned SS Brian Bixler to Indianapolis (IL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Recalled LHP Pat Misch from Fresno (PCL). Sent RHP Osiris Matos to Fresno.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS—Signed DE Jermaine McGhee and DB Kyle Ward. Released LB Vince Hall.
HOUSTON TEXANS—Signed FB Boomer Grigsby.
NEW YORK JETS—Re-signed TE Bubba Franks to a one-year contract.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Waived QB Kirby Freeman.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
PITTSBURGH PENGUINS—Named David Peart vice president of business partnerships.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Assigned C Cody Hodgson to Manitoba (AHL).
COLLEGE
CALIFORNIA—Signed women's water polo coach Richard Corso to a multiyear contract extension.
CALIFORNIA STATE-CHICO—Announced the resignation of softball coach Jamie Brown.
DEPAUL—Named David Booth men's assistant basketball coach.
DUQUESNE—Released F Shawntez Patterson and F Aleksandar Milovic from their basketball scholarships.
SOUTHEASTERN LOUISIANA—Announced it will eliminate men's tennis as a varsity sport, effective June 30.
UTAH—Signed men's basketball coach Jim Boylen to a five-year contract.
WASHINGTON—Named Mark Rountree associate director of athletics for compliance.

College baseball

Tuesday's scores	
EAST	
Connecticut 4, Boston College 3	
Massachusetts 13, Quinnipiac 5	
Rhode Island 4, Northeastern 0	
Sacred Heart 15, Fordham 8	
SOUTH	
Auburn 6, Georgia Southern 6	
Austin Peay 9, Lipscomb 6	
Dayton 12, E. Kentucky 5	
Georgia 7, Georgia Tech 5	
Kentucky 18, Morehead St. 10	
Louisville 10, W. Kentucky 2	
Tennessee 5, Middle Tennessee 4	
SOUTHWEST	
Baylor 12, Stephen F. Austin 2	
Texas A&M 13, Texas State 4	
FAR WEST	
California 15, Sacramento St. 0	

Pro football

NFL remaining unrestricted free agents
Unsigned free agents with more than four years of NFL experience:
ARIZONA — Karlos Dansby (F); Scott Peters, OL; Jerame Tuman, TE.
ATLANTA — Wayne Gandy, OT; Lawyer Milloy, S; Marcus Pollard, TE.
BALTIMORE — Todd Bouman, QB; Chad Slaughter, QB; Matt Stover, K; Terrell Suggs, DE/LB (F); Daniel Wilcox, TE.
BUFFALO — Melvin Fowler, OL; Teddy Lehman, LB; J.P. Losman, QB; Jason Whitley, OL.
CAROLINA — Dante Curry, LB; Jason Kyle, LB; Julius Peppers, DE (F); Darwin Walker, DT.
CHICAGO — Mike Brown, S; Rex Grossman, QB; Brandon Lloyd, WR; Fred Miller, OL; Cameron Worrell, S.
CINCINNATI — John Thornton, DT.
CLEVELAND — Lennie Friedman, G/C; Kris Griffin, LB; Daven Hollie, CB; Willie McGinest, LB; Shanteau Orr, LB.
DALLAS — Brooks Bollinger, QB; Keith Davis, S; Carlos Polk, LB; Zach Thomas, LB.
DENVER — Tatum Bell, RB; Ebenezer Ekuban, DE; Darrell Jackson, WR; Marlon McCree, S; Tom Nalen, C; Michael Pittman, RB; Edell Shepherd, DB; Nate Webster, LB.
DETROIT — Keary Colbert, WR; George Foster, DT; Rudi Johnson, RB; Paris Lenon, LB; Andy McCollum, G/C; Langston Moore, DT; Ryan Nece, LB; Stanley Wilson, CB.
GREEN BAY — Mark Tauscher, T.
HOUSTON — Mark Bruener, TE;

The Preakness Stakes

Rachel Alexandra made early favorite

Filly has some trainers very nervous

By BETH HARRIS
The Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Rachel Alexandra has been made the early 8-5 favorite for the Preakness Stakes, the first filly accorded that status since 1988.

Rachel Alexandra brings a five-race winning streak into Saturday's 1 3/16-mile race at Pimlico.

Trained by Steve Asmussen and ridden by Calvin Borel, Rachel Alexandra drew the No. 13 post on the far outside Wednesday.

Pioneerof the Nile, the Kentucky Derby runner-up, is the 5-1 second choice in the 13-horse field by Pimlico oddsmaker Frank Carulli. The colt drew the No. 9 post.

Derby winner Mine That Bird and Friesan Fire are the co-third choices at 6-1. Mine That Bird will break from the No. 2 post. Friesan Fire is in the No. 5 spot.

Musket Man, third in the Derby, is 8-1.

Meanwhile, Larry Jones knows something about running a filly against the boys in a Triple

Crown race, and he's not looking forward to the threat posed by Rachel Alexandra.

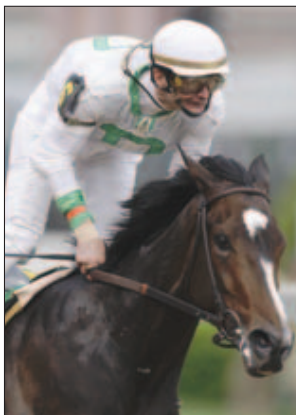
The trainer saddled Eight Belles to a gallant second-place finish in last year's Kentucky Derby before she broke her front ankles past the finish line and had to be destroyed on the track.

Now Jones is preparing to send this year's beaten Derby favorite Friesan Fire in Saturday's Preakness Stakes against stellar filly Rachel Alexandra, who has won five consecutive races by a combined 43 1/2 lengths.

"Anytime the horse is as fast as her, you wish you didn't have to run against them," Jones said Tuesday. "I've chased her twice with fillies. If I've got any shot of beating her, it's going to have to be with a boy. I ain't got a filly that can try her."

Perhaps because she's beaten her fellow females so soundly, Rachel Alexandra is gearing up to test herself against new rivals.

Coming off a smashing 20 1/2-length victory in the Derby eve Kentucky Oaks, Rachel Alexandra was entered Wednesday for the 1 3/16-mile Preakness. The filly's owner, Jess Jackson, had to



MORRY GASH/AP

Rachel Alexandra will attempt to become the first filly to capture the Preakness Stakes since Nellie Morse in 1924.

pony up a \$100,000 supplemental fee because she wasn't nominated to the Triple Crown races.

"She may never know there's any colts in here. She just may go in the front and think there's a bunch of girls chasing her around there," Jones said.

No filly has won the Preakness since Nellie Morse in 1924.

Gary Stute, who trains Papa Clem, isn't thrilled by the prospect of taking on Rachel Alexandra.

"Personally, it's a little disappointing, but for racing I think it's great," he said. "I figure it should bring 20-30,000 extra fans here on Saturday. And when the husbands are watching the race at home, the wives will be watching, too. Racing is in kind of a downward spiral right now, and this can only help it in the long run."

Jones might not welcome the competition, but he has no qualms about a filly going against the boys a year after the Eight Belles tragedy thrust horse racing into a heated debate on safety and treatment of the animals.

"If they run her in the Preakness, it shows me they have confidence that we didn't mess up running Eight Belles in the Derby," he said. "It wasn't the fact that there was boys in there that made her do what she did. That wasn't why Eight Belles had her problem."

Hall of Fame trainer Bob Baffert was sanguine about Rachel Alexandra. He saddled Excellent Meeting, the last filly to run in the Preakness, in 1999. She was pulled up in the race. "There is going to be a lot of excitement with that filly in there," Baffert said.

"She's an incredible athlete. She's going to be forwardly placed, so she'll be out of the way. She's got a beautiful fluid stride and a great turn of foot. She's dangerous."

The imposing presence of Rachel Alexandra steals much of the spotlight from Kentucky Derby winner Mine That Bird, who hasn't scared away the competition as he tries to back up his 50-1 upset by winning the second leg of the Triple Crown. Among his other challengers will be Derby runner-up Pioneerof the Nile, who lost by 6 1/2 lengths, third-place finisher Musket Man, fourth-place Papa Clem and 10th-place General Quarters.

Count Jones among the skeptics questioning whether Mine That Bird can return to the winner's circle two weeks after a Derby victory that still has people buzzing. "He has to do it twice in a row to make me a believer," he said.

Mine That Bird likely won't have the same jockey Saturday. Calvin Borel, whose rail-hugging ride in the Derby was credited for the victory, has committed to being aboard Rachel Alexandra, whom he rides regularly.

"This filly is something that we haven't seen in horse racing in a while," Jones said.

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Lakers regroup, rout Rockets for series edge

By **BERNIE WILSON**
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Two days after being blindsided in Texas, the Los Angeles Lakers returned the favor.

Kobe Bryant needed only three quarters to score 26 points and the Lakers bounced back from their Game 4 flop, routing the Houston Rockets 118-78 on Tuesday night to take a 3-2 lead in the Western Conference semifinals.

The top-seeded Lakers did everything they didn't do in Sunday's 99-87 loss at Houston — hustled, rebounded and played tight defense on Houston's smaller lineup, keeping Aaron Brooks in check and limiting wide-open shots.

On Sunday the Lakers trailed by 29 points. On Tuesday night, they had a 29-point lead by late in the second quarter, on a three-pointer by Bryant, who led seven Lakers in double figures.

The 40-point margin tied the Rockets' worst playoff loss ever. They lost to the Dallas Mavericks 116-76 on May 7, 2005.

The Lakers can wrap up the series

Thursday night in Houston.

Then again, they've been prone to lapses in these playoffs, which is probably why Bryant warned that it's not going to be easy to finish off the Rockets.

"We've got to stay focused and understand that the effort we gave tonight is not going to be enough on Thursday. It's just not," Bryant said. "We're not playing some chump team. I don't care how many people they have out. This is a tough team, it's a tough team full of competitors."

The Rockets played their second game without Yao Ming, who sustained a season-ending stress fracture in his left foot in Game 3.

Bryant looked more like himself after being held to 15 points on Sunday. With the Lakers far ahead after holding the Rockets to only 15 points in each of the second and third quarters, he sat out the fourth period.

"We played just the opposite we did the last game," Houston coach Rick Adelman said. "We turned it over in the first half, shot it poorly. We said if we turn it over against this team we're going to be in big

trouble. That's exactly what we did.

"It just kind of fed their energy level. The second and third quarters are about as bad as we've played in a long time."

Pau Gasol had 16 points and 13 rebounds, Andrew Bynum 14 points, Trevor Ariza 13 and Jordan Farmar 12. Lamar Odom and Josh Powell had 10 apiece.

Brooks was held to 14 points after scoring a career-high 34 on Sunday. Ron Artest had a horrible night shooting, 4-for-15 for nine points. The Rockets shot only 32 percent.

"There are seven games. That is the great thing about the playoffs," Artest said. "It is not like football where there is one game, so you can only stay positive."

Houston had an early lead, but Chuck Hayes, who replaced Yao, picked up his second foul by midway through the first quarter.

The Lakers gained control by outscoring Houston 23-6 during the final six minutes of the first quarter. Bryant had eight points, making three straight shots at one point. Odom sank a three-pointer and Farmar another three at the buzzer for a

35-24 lead.

"We just made our adjustments, really," Bryant said. "The last game they played a different style, a little bit more uptempo, spread the floor out a little bit. They got off to a great start and we never recovered."

"Tonight we did a good job covering for our defensive assignments. We didn't blow too many of those; made plays."

The Rockets had nine turnovers in the first half.

"We had a good first couple of minutes and then we started to turn the ball over," Artest said.

With Bryant sitting out at the start of the second quarter, the Lakers didn't lose any of their intensity, going on an 8-0 run to push the lead to 43-24. Gasol made a hook shot and two free throws, Odom made two free throws and Sasha Vujacic blocked a shot by Von Wafer, raced down the court and took a pass from Gasol for a slam dunk.

With Houston going cold, the Lakers piled it on, taking a 64-35 lead on Bryant's three-pointer with 1:31 before halftime. It was 64-39 at the break.

NBA scoreboard

Playoffs

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS

(Best-of-seven)

Eastern Conference

Cleveland 4, Atlanta 0

Cleveland 99, Atlanta 72
Cleveland 105, Atlanta 85
Cleveland 97, Atlanta 82
Cleveland 84, Atlanta 74

Boston vs. Orlando

Orlando 95, Boston 90
Boston 112, Orlando 94
Orlando 117, Boston 96
Boston 95, Orlando 94
Tuesday: Boston 92, Orlando 88, Boston leads series 3-2

Thursday: Boston at Orlando

Sunday: Orlando at Boston*

Western Conference

L.A. Lakers vs. Houston

Houston 100, L.A. Lakers 92
L.A. Lakers 111, Houston 98
L.A. Lakers 108, Houston 94
Houston 99, L.A. Lakers 87
Tuesday: L.A. Lakers 118, Houston 78, L.A. Lakers lead series 3-2

Thursday: L.A. Lakers at Houston

Sunday: Houston at L.A. Lakers*

Denver vs. Dallas

Denver 109, Dallas 95
Denver 117, Dallas 105
Denver 106, Dallas 105
Monday: Dallas 119, Denver 117, Denver leads series 3-1

Wednesday: Dallas at Denver

Friday: Denver at Dallas*

Sunday: Dallas at Denver*

*If necessary

Tuesday

Celtics 92, Magic 88

ORLANDO — Turkoglu 7-14 4-4 18, Lewis 8-16 2-2 19, Howard 5-10 2-3 12, Alston 6-15 2-3 16, Redick 1-6 0-0 3, Pietrus 2-4 0-0 5, Battie 4-7 0-0 8, Gortat 2-3 0-0 4, Lee 1-3 0-0 3, Johnson 0-2 0-0 2, Totals 36-80 10-12 88.
BOSTON — Pierce 6-17 7-13 19, Davis 8-16 6-22, Perkins 3-7 0-0 6, Rondo 3-12 0-0 6, Allen 3-11 5-5 13, Scalabrino 2-5 0-0 6, House 3-6 2-2 8, Marbury 5-10 1-1 12. Totals 33-78 21-21 92.

Orlando 22 23 22 21-88

Boston 16 21 22 33-92

Three-Point Goals — Orlando 6-24 (Alston 2-6, Lee 1-1, Pietrus 1-3, Lewis 1-4, Redick 1-4, Johnson 0-1, Turkoglu 0-5), Boston 5-16 (Scalabrino 2-3, R Allen 2-5, Marbury 1-2, Pierce 0-1, House 0-2, Rondo 0-3). Fouled Out — None. Rebounds — Orlando 44 (Howard 17), Boston 47 (Perkins 11). Assists — Orlando 23 (Turkoglu 7), Boston 23 (Pierce 6). Technical Fouls — Orlando 20, Boston 20. Technical — Orlando defensive three second. A — 18,624 (18,624).

Lakers 118, Rockets 78

HOUSTON — Battie 2-7 0-0 5, Scola 4-10 4-12, Haywood 3-6 0-0 8, Brooks 4-11 6-6 14, Artest 4-15 0-0 9, Landry 4-6 1-2 9, Wafer 4-9 4-13, Cook 0-7 0-0 0, Lowry 1-7 0-0 2, Barry 3-5 0-0 8, White 0-6 0-0 0. Totals 29-89 15-67 8.

L.A. LAKERS — Ariza 5-8 2-5 13, Gasol 5-9 6-16, Bynum 5-6 4-14, Fisher 1-6 0-0 2, Bryant 10-19 2-3 23, Cook 0-4, L.A. Lakers 6-13 (Farmar 2, Odom 1-1, Ariza 1-2, Brown 1-2, Bryant 1-3, Fisher 0-1, Vujacic 0-2). Fouled Out — None. Rebounds — Houston 49 (Scola 13), L.A. Lakers 60 (Gasol 13). Assists — Houston 15 (Scola, Lowry 4), L.A. Lakers 20 (Farmar 6). Total Fouls — Houston 25, L.A. Lakers 18. A — 18,997 (18,997).

Three-Point Goals — Houston 5-29 (Battie 2-4, Wafer 1-3, Battie 1-4, Artest 1-7, White 0-1, Lowry 0-0, Bryant 1-3, Cook 0-0).

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Marbury helps Celtics rally in fourth

By **JIMMY GOLEN**
The Associated Press

BOSTON — He's technically a member of the defending champions, but Stephon Marbury doesn't have the ring, doesn't have the memories of the Celtics' 17th NBA title.

So he's doing what he can to help them win an 18th.

"I'm playing basketball this year. For me, that was enough," Marbury said Tuesday night after scoring all of his 12 points in the final quarter to help Boston rally from a 14-point deficit and beat the Orlando Magic 92-88.

"From where I was, just being able to get back on the court after not playing the whole year, I know I'm blessed. I'm just happy that I had the opportunity to come out and help the Celtics win another championship."

Ray Allen's three-pointer with 1:20 left gave Boston its first lead since midway through the first quarter, and the Celtics took a 3-2 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinals with a chance to close it out in Game 6 in Orlando on Thursday night.

Dwight Howard had 12 points and 17 rebounds for the Magic, who did not hit a basket after opening a 10-point lead with 5:39 to play. It didn't help that, on one of the only times the Orlando defense played well, the officials ruled that Rajon Rondo's apparent airball hit the rim and gave Boston a fresh 24-second clock with 37 seconds to play.

"You can watch it, you can write whether it hit the rim or not," Magic coach Stan Van Gundy said. "But you want us coaches to say it, so that I can donate money to the league and I can be called a whiner and everything."

"You're playing Boston. They're the defending champions. That's the way it is. ... They all watch boxing. You're in the 12th round against the champ. You can't be thinking, 'I'm going to put it in the hands of the judges.' You can't do that. You got to knock them out."

Paul Pierce had 19 points, nine rebounds and eight assists, and Game 4 hero Glen "Big Baby" Davis scored 10 of his 22 points in the fourth quarter. Davis also grabbed the rebound and hit a pair of free throws after Howard intentionally missed a free throw with 5.9 seconds left.

"Stephon Marbury led the charge in the second half, and made some things happen, and that energy fed me," said Davis, who hit the buzzer-beater to win Game 4 on Sunday. "Things weren't going right, and we're looking for an answer. ... You help others, and



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

Celtics guard Stephon Marbury celebrates with Eddie House and Glen Davis (11) as the Magic's Hedo Turkoglu, left, reacts late in the fourth quarter Tuesday. Marbury helped the Celtics rally to win Game 5 and take a 3-2 lead in their Eastern Conference semifinal series.

motivate others, and that's what Stephon Marbury did and that's what we all did."

Marbury joined the Celtics at the end of February after a season-long feud with New York Knicks management earned him his long-awaited release. He saw limited playing time as the backup point guard in Boston, never making as many as five baskets in a game until a six-minute span at the start of the fourth quarter on Tuesday night.

Then he went back to the bench.

"He's been great for us. He just hangs in there, keeps working every day. He's been very patient," Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "This is tough for him. He's never been taken out to put starters in. That's always been him going in, and he's been able to handle it well and be a great teammate. So, I'm just happy for him."

Rashard Lewis scored 19 and Hedo Turkoglu had 18 for the Magic.

Mickael Pietrus dunked on an alley-oop to make it 77-63 with 8:49 left, Orlando's biggest lead of the game, and Rivers disgustingly called a timeout.

"We're not the team that we were last year. We're a different team. We're not going to just show up and beat teams," Rivers said. "We're really grinding here. I don't know if people appreciate what people are doing here, with the minutes and the legs. But we know we've got

to get wins. There's only so long you can go."

The Magic led 85-75 with 5:39 to play before Boston scored the next 13 points to open an 88-85 lead.

"We were up all night, but the last two minutes we just stopped," Turkoglu said. "We shouldn't even be in that situation because we could have won this game easily."

Marbury hit a three-pointer, then another jumper, and after Davis sank a pair of hook shots, Marbury converted a three-point play to make it 83-75. Turkoglu made a jumper to extend the lead to 10 points before Rivers put Pierce, Perkins and Rondo back in the game with 4:55 left.

Two jumpers by Davis, a layup by Pierce and a reverse from Perkins made it 85-83.

Davis missed a potential game-tying shot with 1:55 left — his only miss in the quarter — but Allen made up for it by putting Boston ahead with a three-pointer — just his third basket of the game.

Orlando still trailed 86-85 when Rondo's three-point attempt as the 24-second clock expired seemed to skim only the net as it came down, and the shot clock buzzer went off. But Perkins, who had grabbed the rebound, argued that the ball tipped the rim, and the referees overruled the call, giving the ball back to Boston with 37 seconds left and allowing them to run the clock down to the final seconds.

Bruins bear down in Carolina

Boston rallies from 3-1 series deficit to force Game 7

By JOEDY MCCREARY
The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — The Boston Bruins played an entire season to get to this point: a winner-take-all Game 7 in their building.

With those high stakes, the NHL's top remaining seed wasn't about to get caught up in settling a score. Instead, the Bruins moved a step closer to giving the Carolina Hurricanes a different kind of knockout punch.

They evened the Eastern Conference semifinals and sent the series back to Boston for a decisive seventh game by beating Carolina 4-2 Tuesday night.

"We've been working hard all year to get home-ice advantage," center Patrice Bergeron said. "And there it is, and we have it."

Mark Recchi had a goal and an assist. Marc Savard scored before leaving in the third period with a minor leg injury. Steve Montador and Chuck Kobasew added goals, Bergeron had two assists and Tim Thomas stopped 31 shots in his second straight victory.

"Basically, I'm trying not to let them get anything to feed off of," Thomas said.

The Bruins led 2-0 barely 5 minutes in and made it stand to win their second straight since falling one loss shy of elimination. The reward: A trip back to Beantown for Thursday night's Game 7, their first at home since losing in the first round to Montreal in 2004.

"From the time we fell behind 3-1 in the series, our goal was to create a Game 7," coach Claude Julien said. "We're there now. ... Getting to Game 7 is one thing. Now we've got to decide what we're going to do with it."

And there wasn't even any need to retaliate for what they considered a sucker punch thrown by Carolina's Scott Walker near the end of Game 5.

Matt Cullen and Sergei Samsonov scored for the Hurricanes. Their first losing streak of the playoffs has put them in danger of blowing a 3-1 series lead for the first time in franchise history.

"I believe in this hockey team. I really do, and sometimes that means you say unkind things to them because you expect more and better out of them," said coach Paul Maurice after his postgame speech was described, perhaps sarcastically, by defenseman Tim Gleason as "uplifting."



KARL B. DEBLAKER/AP

Boston goalie Tim Thomas, right, snags the puck Tuesday in front of Carolina's Ray Whitney during the first period of Game 6 of the Eastern Conference semifinals in Raleigh, N.C.

son as "uplifting."

At least Carolina is used to playing Game 7s. Each of the Hurricanes' previous three playoff series dating to the 2006 Stanley Cup run also went the full seven games, and they won all three.

"It seems like whenever you counted us out was when we played our best," captain Rod Brind'Amour said. "So I'm sure everyone's counting us out right now."

Cam Ward stopped 15 shots and allowed four goals for the second straight game. In four previous starts after a loss, he was 4-0 and had allowed a total of four goals.

The series between one-time New England rivals received a jolt of bad blood two nights earlier, when Walker dropped Aaron Ward with a right cross that led the NHL to fine the

Hurricanes forward \$2,500 but not suspend him.

The injury didn't cost Ward any playing time either; he logged about 20 minutes while playing with a shiner around his left eye. But the Bruins promised to never forget what they felt was a cheap shot.

For now, though, they were content to do their talking between the whistles. Boston had two goals before the Hurricanes registered their second shot on net.

"They came in tonight and kind of blew us out of the water," Gleason said.

Bergeron set up the first goal by dumping the puck to Recchi, who tapped it in for his 50th career playoff goal and third of the series. Montador then made it a two-goal game with a slap shot from behind the left circle.

Ducks refuse to go quietly into the night

The Associated Press

ANAHEIM, Calif. — The Anaheim Ducks made sure there would be no road clincher by the Detroit Red Wings.

Ryan Getzlaf and Corey Perry each had a goal and an assist and Jonas Hiller made 38 saves as the Ducks beat the Red Wings 2-1 Tuesday to force a decisive Game 7 in the Western Conference semifinal series.

Scott Niedermayer and Bobby Ryan added assists for the Ducks, who built a two-goal lead in the second period and managed to shut down the Red Wings until Johan Franzen brought Detroit within a goal with 2:25 to play.

Game 7 will be in Detroit on Thursday, with the winner moving on to face the Chicago Blackhawks in the conference finals.

"Not a lot had to be said, we have enough guys in here who have been there before," Getzlaf said. "It was unacceptable the



MARK AVERY/AP

Anaheim right wing Corey Perry, right, celebrates scoring a goal Tuesday in front of Detroit goalie Chris Osgood, left, during Game 6 of the Western Conference semifinals in Anaheim, Calif.

way we played last game. We were excited about tonight."

Led by their top line of Getzlaf, Perry and Ryan, the Ducks matched the Red Wings' up-

tempo attack stride for stride and avoided elimination.

The Red Wings had clinched their last eight playoff series victories with triumphs on the road, and seemed poised to do the same after outskating and outshooting Anaheim 78-45 in consecutive victories in Games 4 and 5.

But facing elimination, the Ducks returned to the form that carried the team to a league-best 10-2-1 mark in the final weeks of the season, then through a first-round upset of the Presidents' Trophy-winning San Jose Sharks.

"We knew we wanted it tonight, we have a great team in here," said Perry. "We dug down and you can just feel it before the game, everyone was ready to play."

Having failed in their chance to close out the Ducks on Tuesday, the Red Wings will now face their first Game 7 since drubbing the Colorado Avalanche 7-0 at home

on May 31, 2002. Detroit is 11-7 in Game 7s, but just 3-3 at home since 1991.

"I think they were more desperate tonight than we were," said Detroit captain Nicklas Lidstrom. "They came out stronger. There were too many turnovers that created more time in our zone than we wanted to."

Anaheim's best postseason players also got back in form.

Getzlaf generated 16 points in 11 games to open the playoffs, but was held without a point in Game 5. He responded with his seventh multiple-point game of the playoffs.

Hiller yielded 10 goals in the last two games, but he returned to the stinginess that carried the Ducks to victories in Games 2 and 3 of the series.

Chris Osgood made 26 saves for the Red Wings and was especially sharp early as the Ducks outshot Detroit 12-8 in the first period.

NHL scoreboard

Playoffs

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston 4, Montreal 0

Boston 4, Montreal 2
Boston 5, Montreal 1
Boston 4, Montreal 2
Boston 4, Montreal 1
Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 3
N.Y. Rangers 4, Washington 3
N.Y. Rangers 1, Washington 0
Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 0
N.Y. Rangers 2, Washington 1
Washington 4, N.Y. Rangers 0
Washington 5, N.Y. Rangers 3
Washington 2, N.Y. Rangers 1

Carolina 4, New Jersey 3

New Jersey 4, Carolina 1
Carolina 2, New Jersey 1, OT
New Jersey 3, Carolina 2, OT
Carolina 4, New Jersey 3
New Jersey 1, Carolina 0
Carolina 4, New Jersey 0
Carolina 4, New Jersey 3

Pittsburgh 4, Philadelphia 2

Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 2, OT
Philadelphia 6, Pittsburgh 3
Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 1
Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 0
Pittsburgh 5, Philadelphia 3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Anaheim 4, San Jose 2

Anaheim 2, San Jose 0
Anaheim 3, San Jose 2
San Jose 4, Anaheim 3
Anaheim 4, San Jose 0
San Jose 3, Anaheim 2, OT
Anaheim 4, San Jose 1

Detroit 4, Columbus 0

Detroit 4, Columbus 1
Detroit 4, Columbus 0
Detroit 4, Columbus 1
Detroit 6, Columbus 5

Vancouver 4, St. Louis 0

Vancouver 2, St. Louis 1
Vancouver 3, St. Louis 0
Vancouver 3, St. Louis 2
Vancouver 3, St. Louis 2, OT

Chicago 4, Calgary 2

Chicago 3, Calgary 2, OT
Calgary 4, Chicago 2
Calgary 6, Chicago 4
Chicago 5, Calgary 1
Chicago 4, Calgary 1

CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS (Best-of-seven)

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Boston vs. Carolina

Boston 4, Carolina 1
Carolina 3, Boston 0
Carolina 3, Boston 2, OT
Carolina 4, Boston 1
Boston 4, Carolina 0
Tuesday: Boston 4, Carolina 2, series tied 3-3

Thursday: Carolina at Boston

Washington vs. Pittsburgh
Washington 3, Pittsburgh 2
Washington 4, Pittsburgh 3
Pittsburgh 3, Washington 2, OT
Pittsburgh 5, Washington 3
Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3, OT
Washington 5, Pittsburgh 4, OT, series tied 3-3

Wednesday: Pittsburgh at Washington

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Detroit vs. Anaheim

Detroit 3, Anaheim 2
Anaheim 4, Detroit 3, 3OT
Anaheim 2, Detroit 1
Detroit 6, Anaheim 3
Detroit 4, Anaheim 1
Tuesday: Anaheim 2, Detroit 1, series tied 3-3

Thursday: Anaheim at Detroit

Chicago 4, Vancouver 2
Vancouver 5, Chicago 3
Chicago 6, Vancouver 3
Vancouver 3, Chicago 1
Chicago 2, Vancouver 1
Chicago 4, Vancouver 2
Chicago 7, Vancouver 5

Tuesday

Bruins 4, Hurricanes 2

Boston 2 2 0-4
Carolina 0 1 1-2

First Period—1, Boston, Recchi 3 (Bergeron, Kobasew), 2:01. 2, Boston, Montador 1 (Krejci, Ryder), 5:04.

Second Period—3, Carolina, Cullen 2 (Walker, LaRose), 2:49. 4, Boston, Savard 6 (Lucic, Wideman), 8:53. 5, Boston, Kobasew 3 (Bergeron, Recchi), 18:03.

Third Period—6, Carolina, Samsonov 3 (Staal, Gleason), 7:20.

Shots on Goal—Boston 9-6-4—19. Carolina 11-14—33.

Power-play opportunities—Boston 0 of 2; Carolina 0 of 3.

Goalies—Boston, Thomas 7-3-0 (33 shots-31 saves). Carolina, C.Ward 7-6-0 (19-15).

A—18,680 (18,680). T—2:20.

Ducks 2, Red Wings 1

Detroit 0 0 1-1
Anaheim 0 2 0-2

Second Period—1, Anaheim, Getzlaf 4 (Perry, S.Niedermayer), 2:21 (pp). 2, Anaheim, Perry 7 (Getzlaf, Ryan), 17:35.

Third Period—3, Detroit, Franzen 8 (Hudler, Zetterberg), 17:35 (pp).

Shots on Goal—Detroit 8-13-18—39. Anaheim 12-10-6—28.

Power-play opportunities—Detroit 1 of 4; Anaheim 1 of 3.

Goalies—Detroit, Osgood 7-3-0 (28 shots-26 saves). Anaheim, Hiller 7-5-0 (39-38).

A—17,174 (17,174). T—2:29.

Playoff scoring leaders

Through May 12

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Ovechkin, Was 13 10 10 20

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AL roundup

Tribe's Lee continues mastery of White Sox

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — With the bases loaded and two outs in the sixth inning, Cliff Lee threw a called third strike past Jermaine Dye, who then flipped his bat and slammed his helmet to the ground.

It was the hardest contact the White Sox made all day.

Lee extended his mastery over Chicago with seven strong innings, outpitching Mark Buehrle in the Cleveland Indians' 4-0 victory Wednesday.

The Indians took two of three from Chicago, their second series victory this season. They also won two of three against Kansas City at home April 21-23.

Lee (2-5) hadn't won since the Yankee Stadium opener April 16 and he began the day tied for the AL lead in losses despite a 1.70 ERA in his last five starts. The four runs Cleveland scored Wednesday doubled its output in Lee's previous four starts combined.

"He's been about as good as we've seen him. He's been very consistent," Indians manager Eric Wedge said. "He's gone through a stretch here where we haven't scored any runs for him, but he hasn't given in to that."

Lee struck out a season-high nine while working out of two bases-loaded jams and



AMY SANCETTA/AP

Cleveland's Victor Martinez looks skyward as he crosses home plate in front of Chicago White Sox catcher A.J. Peirzynski after hitting a solo home run off pitcher Mark Buehrle during the first inning of Wednesday's game in Cleveland.

has pitched 20 consecutive scoreless innings against the White Sox dating to July 1. It was the first shutout by Indians pitching this season and already the sixth time Chicago has been blanked.

"They have a good lineup. There's plenty of power there," Lee said. "With a team like that, if you can keep the ball in the

ballpark, you're doing a pretty good job."

The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner, Lee allowed six hits — all bloop, bunts and squibs. Since allowing 11 runs in his first two outings, he has a 1.43 ERA.

In Tuesday's games:

Blue Jays 5, Yankees 1: At Toronto, Roy Halladay pitched a five-hitter to best his former teammate and Scott Rolen had three hits and three RBIs for Toronto in the Blue Jay's victory over New York.

Aaron Hill hit a solo homer for the Blue Jays, who improved to an AL-best 23-12. They lead New York, which was playing without shortstop Derek Jeter, by 6½ games.

Red Sox 4, Angels 3: At Anaheim, Calif., Jason Varitek drove in the go-ahead run with a double in the ninth inning to give Boston a last-gasp triumph over Los Angeles.

J.D. Drew homered for Boston, and also led off the ninth with a single, scoring one out later when Varitek hit a line drive to right-center.

Rangers 7, Mariners 1: At Arlington, Texas, Josh Hamilton returned from the disabled list and hit the go-ahead homer in a six-run seventh inning for Texas.

Hamilton, back from a strained ribcage muscle, struggled in his first three at-bats before his two-run shot gave the Rangers

a 3-1 lead.

Twins 6, Tigers 2: At Minneapolis, Minnesota's struggling bullpen managed to hold a lead for three innings and deliver a victory over Detroit.

Joe Mauer hit a homer for the Twins. Mauer is batting .500 despite missing spring training and the opening 22 games because of a back injury.

Athletics 12, Royals 3: At Oakland, Calif., Jack Cust hit a three-run homer in a seven-run second inning that set up Oakland's victory over Kansas City.

Orlando Cabrera had three hits and four RBIs as the A's, two days after being shut-out, produced a season-high for runs while pounding 13 hits.

Orioles 7, Rays 5: At Baltimore, Adam Jones hit two homers for the first time in his career and drove in four runs, leading Baltimore past Tampa Bay.

Jones hit a solo shot in the first inning and a three-run drive in the second.

White Sox 7, Indians 4: At Cleveland, Jim Thome hit a pair of two-run homers to lead Chicago past Cleveland.

Thome's 42nd multihomer game gave him 547 for his career. Thome, who entered the game in a 3-for-22 slump, trails Mike Schmidt by one for 13th place on the all-time homer list.

Fighting: GMs recommended misconducts for punches after faceoffs, staged bouts

FIGHTING, FROM BACK PAGE

"It's more one of those things that sometimes during the year maybe you feel like you have something to prove (to an opposing player) or you have something to prove to your teammates or something like that," Craig Adams, the Pittsburgh Penguins' most physical forward, said Tuesday. "In the playoffs you're more likely to take a punch and turn the other cheek."

"The stakes are higher. It's time to check your ego, I guess. I think that's what leads to a lot of fights, but it's time to check your ego, let things go that otherwise would lead to a fight."

Although fighting injuries are still relatively rare, Detroit forward Tomas Kopecky and Boston defenseman Aaron Ward were hurt days apart in the playoffs — proving that fighting is no longer just a regular-season problem.

Kopecky has been knocked out of action due to his bout with Anaheim defenseman Francois Beauchemin on Thursday and might need surgery. Ward was hoping the unexpected punch to the face he took from Carolina's Scott Walker late in Sunday's Game 5 victory would cost him only a black eye and not lost ice time.

"You've got to keep the perspective that you're always looking at ways to make sure the game is how we want it played, but also you don't want to see players getting injured," said San Jose Sharks general manager Doug Wilson, who spent 16 seasons as an NHL defenseman.

Penguins forward Ruslan Fedotenko, not known as a fighter, broke a hand while punching Atlanta's Colby Armstrong dur-

ing the regular season.

"I think he will tell you it wasn't worth the month (out of the lineup)," Penguins captain Sidney Crosby said.

The GMs recommended in March that a misconduct be given to players who fight immediately after a faceoff and for any staged bout. There is also a campaign to eliminate fights that are sparked by a clean hit.

Wilson doesn't deny that aspects of fighting, and its role in the game, and the risks it presents need to be reviewed and discussed by the league's general managers. Those talks are expected to continue at the next meeting of club executives. But another hot topic in recent years is what should be done about late hits and blows to the head. There is still no uniform resolution how to control that and what the penalty should be to offenders.

New York Rangers forward Blair Betts sustained the first major injury of these playoffs, when Washington enforcer Donald Brashear broke a bone around Betts' eye when he hit him with a shoulder. The shot came a few seconds after Betts gave up the puck and when he didn't expect to be hit.

Brashear served a six-game suspension, then wasn't needed in the lineup when the Capitals staged off elimination in Game 6 of the Eastern Conference semifinal series against Pittsburgh.

A proposal by the NHL Players' Association to ban shoulder hits to the head wasn't accepted by the general managers.

"Before we start dealing with the fighting issue, I want to make sure we're aware of [hits to the head] and listening to people," Wilson said. "Let's make sure

that we address the other issue that we've talked about for several years. I'm not sure we've had complete closure on that yet."

And there is no resolution on fighting, either, but it is clear none of the policy-makers is looking to eliminate it. More modifications to the rules of engagement might be needed to ensure fighters aren't at a greater risk for severe injury.

Fighting penalties are up in the

playoffs over last year, continuing a trend from the past two regular seasons. In the 2008 playoffs, there were 14 fighting majors issued in 85 games. Through 66 playoff games this year, there have been 31, including one to Walker. Ward didn't not return a punch and wasn't punished for fighting.

Walker was fined \$2,500, but not suspended.

"He sucker-punched him once coming into the scrum when

[Ward] was involved with another player. And then he dropped his gloves and sucker-punched him," Bruins coach Claude Julien said. "I don't care what people say but Ward should've protected himself. He had no intention of getting involved."

"We asked our guys to stay composed and not fall into that trap, and [Ward] did that. A guy with Walker's experience should know better than to sucker-punch a guy."

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NL roundup

It's good news, bad news for Nationals

Zimmerman takes hitting streak to 30 games, but lowly Washington loses

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Ryan Zimmerman's hitting streak is stretching into its second month, but Washington's third baseman can't enjoy it much.

The Nationals have the majors' worst record and a bullpen that makes far too many hitters look as good as Zimmerman.

Pablo Sandoval slugged a three-run homer with two outs in the ninth, dramatically finishing the San Francisco Giants' 9-7 victory over Washington on Tuesday night with the first game-ending shot of his career.

Zimmerman extended his hitting streak to 30 games with two singles for the Nationals, who have lost nine in a row to the Giants — none tougher than this defeat after Washington scored six runs in the late innings.

"Our starting pitchers are the youngest part of our team, and they've done well," Zimmerman said.

"Unfortunately, the guys that are pitching the second half of the game haven't been able to get it done this year, and that's been the story of our season so far."

Emmanuel Burriss singled and Edgar Renteria drew a walk before Sandoval cracked a 2-2 pitch into left for his third homer of the season, setting off a frenzied celebration at home plate for the Giants' 15th victory in 21 games.

San Francisco moved four games above .500 for the first time in nearly three years.

"I couldn't believe that happened for me," said Sandoval, the 22-year-old Venezuelan free swinger who uncharacteristically took four pitches before his homer.

"In this moment, I'm just going to get my pitch and drive the ball. I don't want to tie the game. I just want to end it."

San Francisco blew a 5-1 lead when Nick Johnson hit a three-run homer in the seventh and then drove in two runs with a weak single in the eighth.

But after Bengie Molina hit an eighth-inning homer off Kip Wells, the Giants rallied in the ninth against Joe Beimel (0-2).

Emmanuel Burriss singled and Edgar Renteria drew a walk before Sandoval cracked a 2-2 pitch into left for his third homer of the season.

Zimmerman matched the fourth-longest hitting streak in the majors since 2000.

He has the first 30-game streak since Moises Alou in late 2007, and the 26th streak of at least 30 games since Joe DiMaggio's 56-game record in 1941.

Washington's third baseman also is one game shy of the franchise-record 31-game streak by

Vladimir Guerrero in 1999 — when the team was in Montreal.

Phillies 5, Dodgers 3: At Philadelphia, pitcher Chan Ho Park won his first game with the Phillies.

Park has rebounded nicely after a dreadful start, delivering his second consecutive effective start. He walked none and gave up just two runs in six innings. Jayson Werth stole home in the seventh inning and tied a team record with four steals in one game.

Brewers 6, Marlins 3: At Milwaukee, Prince Fielder hit a pair of two-run homers and Rickie Weeks and Mike Cameron hit solo shots for Milwaukee.

Fielder, who had been hitless in his previous 10 at-bats, singled in the second and hit his first homer in the fourth inning to cut Florida's lead to 3-2.

Mets 4, Braves 3 (10): At New York, Carlos Beltran drew a bases-loaded walk with two outs in the 10th inning for New York. Beltran also scored the tying run in the ninth for the Mets, who have won eight of nine.

Pirates 7, Cardinals 1: At Pittsburgh, pitcher Zach Duke limited St. Louis to three singles over eight innings after giving up a homer to Albert Pujols in the first as the Pirates ended an eight-game losing streak.

Reds 3, Diamondbacks 1: At Phoenix, Brandon Phillips homered and drove in two runs for Cincinnati. Pitcher Micah Owings, traded by Arizona last September, went seven innings and allowed only one run, striking out four.

Cubs 6, Padres 2: At Chicago, Milton Bradley hit a towering two-run homer off Jake Peavy to for Chicago. Cubs starter Rich Harden pitched six sharp innings, giving up four hits, to take his fourth consecutive decision. Bradley, who hit his fourth homer, has a five-game hitting streak after a dismal start.

Rockies 12, Astros 1: At Denver, Ian Stewart hit a grand slam and a solo homer as Colorado crushed Houston. Stewart's second career slam came in the fifth inning. His five RBIs tied his career high.

In a Wednesday game:

Braves 8, Mets 7 (12): At New York, Martin Prado homered off Ken Takahashi with one out in the 12th inning for Atlanta.

Gary Sheffield tied the score in the eighth with his second homer of the season and No. 501 of his career, and the Mets bounced back after trailing 2-0, 4-2 and 7-6.

Fernando Tatis hit a grand slam for New York, which stranded the potential tying run at third in the 12th.

Before a crowd of 40,555, the largest at Citi Field since the April 13 opener, the Mets lost for just the second time on an eight-game homestand.



The Nationals' Ryan Zimmerman heads toward first base after a fourth-inning single Tuesday night against the Giants in San Francisco. Zimmerman boosted his hitting streak to 30 games, but struggling Washington, which has the worst record in the majors, lost again.

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MLB scoreboard

American League

East Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	23	12	.657	—
Boston	21	12	.636	1
New York	17	17	.469	6½
Tampa Bay	15	19	.441	7½
Baltimore	14	19	.424	8
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	17	14	.548	—
Kansas City	18	15	.545	—
Minnesota	16	17	.485	2
Chicago	15	18	.455	3
Cleveland	13	22	.371	6
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	18	14	.563	—
Los Angeles	16	15	.516	1½
Seattle	16	17	.485	2½
Oakland	12	18	.400	5

Tuesday's games

Baltimore 7, Tampa Bay 5
Chicago White Sox 7, Cleveland 4
Toronto 5, N.Y. Yankees 1
Texas 7, Seattle 1
Minnesota 6, Detroit 2
Boston 4, L.A. Angels 3
Oakland 12, Kansas City 3

Wednesday's games

Cleveland 4, Chicago White Sox 0
Tampa Bay at Baltimore
N.Y. Yankees at Toronto
Seattle at Texas
Detroit at Minnesota
Boston at L.A. Angels
Kansas City at Oakland

Thursday's games

Detroit (Verlander 3-2) at Minnesota (Baker 1-4)
Seattle (Hernandez 4-2) at Texas (Harmon 3-2)
Boston (Penny 3-1) at L.A. Angels (Santana 0-0)
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 2-3) at Toronto (Tallet 2-1)
Cleveland (Carmona 1-4) at Tampa Bay (Shields 3-3)
Baltimore (Guthrie 2-3) at Kansas City (Meche 2-3)

Friday's games

Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees
Oakland at Detroit
Chi. White Sox at Toronto
Cleveland at Tampa Bay
L.A. Angels at Texas
Baltimore at Kansas City
Boston at Seattle

Tuesday

Orioles 7, Rays 5

Tampa Bay				
	ab	r	h	bi
Bupton cf	4	1	0	0
Crawford lf	5	1	2	2
Longori 3b	4	0	2	1
C.Pena 1b	4	0	1	0
W.Ayaz dh	5	1	2	0
Zobrist ss	4	0	0	0
Bartlett ss	4	0	0	0
Kapler rf	2	0	1	0
Gross ph-rf	1	0	0	0
Navarr c	3	1	1	0
Totals				
	36	5	11	5
Los Angeles				
	ab	r	h	bi
Borrrts 2b	4	1	0	1
Adjoms cf	4	2	2	4
Markks rf	4	0	1	0
Huff lf	4	0	1	0
Montzn dh-if	4	0	2	1
Zaun c	3	1	1	0
Pie lf	1	1	1	0
Wgntn lf	2	0	1	0
Sherrill p	0	0	0	0
Totals				
	36	5	11	5

Tampa Bay 5, **Los Angeles** 3
E—Ad.Jones (2). DP—Baltimore 2. LOB—Tampa Bay 9, Baltimore 5. 2B—Crawford 2 (10), Longoria (16), Bartlett (7), Markakis (11), Huff (9), Montanez (4), Wigginton (3). HR—Ad.Jones 2 (8). SB—Bartlett (8). SF—Kapler.

Tampa Bay				
	IP	H	R	ER
Sonnantane L,1-4	2	9	7	7
Balfour	2	0	0	0
Howell	2	1	0	0
J.Nelson	1½	1	0	0
Wheeler	½	0	0	0
Baltimore				
	IP	H	R	ER
Hendrickson	2	6	5	5
Baez W-2,1	4	3	0	0
Bass H,2	1	1	0	0
Ji.Johnson H,5	1	1	0	0
Sherrill S,6-8	1	0	0	1

Sonnantane pitched to 3 batters in the 3rd. T—3:01. A—17,122 (48,290).

Red Sox 4, Angels 3

Boston				
	ab	r	h	bi
Ellsury cf	5	1	2	0
Lugo ss	3	0	0	0
D.Ortiz dh	3	0	1	0
Bay lf	4	0	1	0
Lowell 3b	4	0	1	0
J.Drew rf	4	2	1	0
J.Bailly lf	4	0	0	0
Varitek c	4	0	2	1
Ngren 2b	3	1	1	0
Totals				
	34	4	8	4
Los Angeles				
	ab	r	h	bi
Figgins 3b	4	1	0	0
Mturs ss	3	1	1	1
Abreu rf	3	0	0	0
Hunter cf	4	0	2	1
KMorls 1b	3	0	0	1
Napoli dh	4	0	1	0
JRIVER lf	4	0	0	0
Willits ph-if	0	0	0	0
Kndrk 2b	3	1	0	0
Mthsis c	4	0	2	0
Totals				
	30	3	6	3

E—Lowell (5), Lugo (2). DP—Los Angeles 1. LOB—Boston 7, Los Angeles 10. 2B—Varitek (8). HR—J.Drew (5). SF—Ellsury (16), Abreu (13). CS—Hunter (2). S—Figgins, Willits. SF—M.Jtzuris, K.Morales.
IP H R ER BB SO
Boston 6 5 2 2 4 3
Masterson 1 1 1 0 0 0
R Ramirez W-4,0 0 0 0 0 1
Papelbon S-9,9 1 0 0 0 1 1
Los Angeles
Jer.Weaver 7 4 1 1 1 4
Arredondo H,10 ½ 2 2 2 1 0
Oliver 0 0 0 0 0 0
S.Shields L,1-3 BS,1-2 1 1 0 0
Bulger ½ 0 0 0 1 0
Oliver pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. HBP—by Masterson (M.Jtzuris), by Oliver (D.Ortiz). WP—Bulger. T—3:18. A—33,411 (45,257).

Rangers 7, Mariners 1

Seattle				
	ab	r	h	bi
ISuzuki rf	4	0	1	0
LoJopz 2b	4	0	0	0
Gfrryfr dh	2	0	1	0
Beltre 3b	2	0	0	0
Branny 1b	4	0	0	0
FGrza cf	4	1	1	0
Johjim c	3	0	1	1
YBtncr ss	3	0	0	0
EnChvz lf	2	0	0	0
Balentr ph-if	0	0	0	0
Totals				
	31	1	4	1
Texas				
	ab	r	h	bi
Kinsler 2b	5	0	3	0
MYong 3b	3	1	3	0
Hamln cf	5	1	1	2
Anjns dh	3	1	1	0
Byrd lf	5	1	1	0
N.Cruz rf	4	1	1	0
C.Davis 1b	4	2	2	1
Sltmhc c	4	1	1	1
Andrus ss	4	0	1	1
Totals				
	37	7	14	6

E—Brannyan 2 (2). DP—Seattle 1. LOB—Seattle 5, Texas 11. 2B—Johjima (2), Kinsler (10), Byrd (13), Saltalamaccia (5). HR—Hamilton (3), C.Davis (9). SB—F.Gutierrez (1). CS—I.Suzuki (3). SF—N.Cruz.

Seattle				
	IP	H	R	ER
Vargas	5	5	1	2
Batista	1	2	0	1
M.Lowe L,0-1	½	5	6	3
White	½	2	0	1
Olson	1	0	0	0
Texas				
	IP	H	R	ER
Feldman	6½	4	1	2
Holland W-1,1	½	0	0	0
Guardado	1	0	0	0

WP—Feldman. T—2:50. A—16,564 (49,170).

Athletics 12, Royals 3

Kansas City				
	ab	r	h	bi
Crisp cf	3	1	1	0
Maier cf	2	0	0	0
DeJesse lf	5	0	1	0
Teahen 3b	4	0	1	0
LHrmdz pr-3b	0	0	0	0
Guillin rf	3	0	1	0
Butler 1b	3	0	0	0
Jacobs dh	4	1	1	0
Callasp 2b	4	0	0	0
J.Buck c	4	0	0	0
Aviles ss	4	0	1	0
Totals				
	36	3	10	3
Oakland				
	ab	r	h	bi
OCarers ss	5	1	3	4
KSuzuki 4	2	2	0	1
Giambi 1b	3	1	1	2
Crosby 1b	0	0	0	0
Hollidy lf	3	1	2	2
Cust dh	5	1	2	3
RSwny cf	4	1	0	0
RODavis ph-cf	1	0	0	0
Kennedy 2b	4	1	0	0
T.Buck rf	4	1	0	0
Hannhn 3b	5	2	1	1
Totals				
	38	12	31	13

E—Ponson (1), Crisp (3). DP—Oakland 1. LOB—Kansas City 8, Oakland 9. 2B—Maier (2), O.Cabrera (4), K.Suzuki (12), Giambi (5), Hannahan (3). HR—Crisp (3), Jacobs (6), Cust (5). SB—Crisp (9), K.Suzuki (1). SF—Giambi.

Kansas City				
	IP	H	R	ER
Hochevar L,0-1	2	7	8	8
Ponson	2	4	4	2
Ho.Ramirez	1	1	0	0
Farnsworth	1	0	0	0
Mahay	1	1	0	0
Tejeda	1	0	0	0
Oakland				
	IP	H	R	ER
Cahill W-2,2	6	7	2	2
Gies	1	2	1	0
K.Cameron	1	0	0	0
Blevins	1	1	0	0

T—2:43. A—10,156 (35,067).

Twins 6, Tigers 2

Detroit				
	ab	r	h	bi
Gndrs cf	4	0	1	0
Poland 2b	4	0	0	0
Thoms lf	4	0	2	0
McCar 1b	4	0	0	0
Larish dh	3	1	2	1
Ordonez rf	4	0	1	0
Inge 3b	4	0	0	0
Laird c	3	0	0	0
JAndrs ph	0	0	0	0
Santiag ss	4	1	2	1
Totals				
	34	2	9	2
Minnesota				
	ab	r	h	bi
Polanco 1.	4	0	0	0
Granderson 3.	4	0	0	0
Mauer 4.	4	0	0	0
Crede 4.	4	0	0	0
Span 8.	4	0	0	0
Gomez 3.	4	0	0	0
Totals				
	22	0	0	0

E—Polanco (1). DP—Minnesota 2. LOB—Detroit 8, Minnesota 8. 2B—Granderson (3). HR—Larish (3), Santiago (2), Mauer (4), Crede (4), Span (8), Gomez (3). CS—Span (2). SF—Tolbert.
IP H R ER BB SO
Detroit 2 9 7 7 1 1
Gallaga L,3-3 2 9 7 7 1 1
Perry 2 2 1 1 2 4
Lyon ½ 0 0 0 1 0
Minnesota
Slowey W-5,1 6 8 1 1 2 2
Crain 0 1 1 1 1 0
Mijares H,3 ½ 0 0 0 0 1
Guerrier H,4 ½ 0 0 0 0 1
Nathan 1 0 0 0 0 1
J.R Crain pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. WP—Slowey. PB—Laird. T—2:52. A—24,807 (46,632).

Blue Jays 5, Yankees 1

New York				
	ab	r	h	bi
Gardn cf	4	0	0	0
Damon lf	4	1	2	1
Teixeira 1b	4	0	0	0
HRMatsu dh	1	0	0	0
Swshr ph-dh	2	0	0	0
Cano 2b	3	0	0	0
McCarr rf	3	0	1	0
Cash c	3	0	0	0
P.Rena ss	3	0	0	0
Totals				
	30	1	5	1
Toronto				
	ab	r	h	bi
Scutaro ss	4	0	0	0
A.Hill 2b	4	1	2	1
Rios rf	3	2	0	0
HRMatsu dh	1	0	0	0
Swshr ph-dh	2	0	0	0
Cano 2b	3	0	0	0
McCarr rf	3	0	1	0
Cash c	3	0	0	0
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Sports briefs

USC coach accused of paying for Mayo

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — A former associate of NBA star O.J. Mayo has told Yahoo! Sports that Southern California basketball coach Tim Floyd paid to help get Mayo to play for the Trojans.

In a story posted Tuesday night at Yahoo! Sports, Louis Johnson, a former associate of Mayo's, said Rodney Guillory told Johnson that Floyd had given Guillory "a grand." Johnson said he was able to view \$100 bills inside an envelope Guillory had.

Johnson said the payment occurred in 2007. Guillory is a confidant of Mayo's. Last year, Johnson accused Guillory of providing Mayo with improper benefits from an agent while the guard played for USC.

Yahoo! Sports reported that Johnson has told NCAA investigators and federal authorities, including the FBI, IRS and U.S. Attorney's Office, that Floyd paid Guillory.

If Floyd did pay Guillory for delivering Mayo to USC, that would be a major NCAA violation.

Yahoo! Sports also reported that Southern California is the subject of an NCAA investigation into alleged improprieties in the football and men's basketball programs.

The football probe stems from allegations of 2005 Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush receiving improper benefits from a sports marketing agent while at USC.

Guillory and Floyd declined to comment to Yahoo! about the latest accusations by Johnson. USC general counsel Carol Mauch Amir also declined comment.

The NCAA does not comment about ongoing investigations.

Johnson had described Guillory as a "runner" who steered Mayo to the Bill Duffy Associates (BDA) sports agency. Johnson said Guillory received between \$200,000 and \$250,000 from BDA Sports for his efforts, which resulted in Mayo initially signing with BDA when he left USC after one season for the NBA in April 2008.

Mayo had switched to agent Leon Rose before he was drafted third overall by Memphis last year and was runner-up for the NBA's Rookie of the Year Award to Chicago's Derrick Rose.

Johnson's attorneys, Anthony V. Salerno and David Murphy, confirmed to Yahoo! Sports that Johnson had told FBI, IRS and U.S. Attorney's Office investigators May 28, 2008, about his account of the payment from Floyd to Guillory. Two weeks later, Johnson told the NCAA, according to the attorneys.

Salerno told Yahoo! Sports that Johnson's account to federal authorities carried the threat of potential prosecution if Johnson was found to be lying.

LeBron unanimous choice for All-NBA first team

NEW YORK — LeBron James was a unanimous selection Wednesday to the All-NBA team after leading the Cleveland



ALESSANDRO TROVATI/AP

Lance Armstrong pedals during the fifth stage of the Giro d'Italia cycling race Wednesday from San Martino di Castrozza to Alpe di Siusi. Armstrong lost nearly three minutes to the leaders.

Cavaliers to a franchise-record for victories and a pair of playoff sweeps.

Joining him on the first team are Dwyane Wade of the Miami Heat, Kobe Bryant of the Los Angeles Lakers, Dirk Nowitzki of the Dallas Mavericks and Dwight Howard of the Orlando Magic.

James was second in the league in scoring at 28.4 points, and led the Cavs to a 66-16 record.

Wade made the All-NBA first team for the first time after leading the league in scoring.

Howard was picked for the second time, and Bryant and Nowitzki were each picked for the fourth time.

No penalties likely for Mavs, Nuggets

DALLAS — The NBA isn't likely to punish anyone for the things that happened on and off the court in Games 3 and 4 of the Mavericks-Nuggets playoff series.

"Don't expect anything from those games," league spokesman Tim Frank wrote in an e-mail Wednesday, about six hours before Game 5 tipped off in Denver.

Game 3 ended with a three-point shot by Denver's Carmelo Anthony after officials failed to call a foul on Dallas' Antoine Wright, a decision the league announced was a mistake a few hours later. The disputed ending triggered a heated reaction after the buzzer, with Mavs forward Josh Howard being restrained and Dallas owner Mark Cuban expressing his frustrations, then making a comment to the mother of Nuggets forward Kenyon Martin.

In Game 4, Anthony received a technical foul for an open-handed swipe at Wright. As fans became frenzied, Martin, who before the game vowed to handle matters with Cuban himself, went to make

sure his mother was OK. Anthony's girlfriend later left her seat with security protection. After the game, Martin and Cuban exchanged words, then later Cuban posted on his blog an apology for the way Martin's mother was treated.

Woman arrested at Nowitzki's transferred to face charge

DALLAS — A woman arrested last week at Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki's house was transferred to another Texas county to face a theft charge.

Cristal Taylor was taken from a Dallas County jail Wednesday to Jefferson County in southeast Texas, said Dallas County Sheriff's spokeswoman Kim Leach.

Taylor, 37, is charged in a 2006 indictment alleging she didn't pay for dental services ranging from \$1,500 to \$20,000. Bond was raised to \$50,000.

An indictment in Jefferson County listed eight aliases for Taylor.

Taylor's arrest May 6 at Nowitzki's home also was for a probation violation in St. Charles County, Mo. Taylor pleaded guilty in 1999 to two counts of forgery and two counts of felony stealing after being accused of passing bad checks through a bank. She had multiple five-year prison sentences suspended, prosecutor Jack Banas said.

Nowitzki didn't want to discuss the situation before the Mavericks' shootaround Wednesday in Denver ahead of Game 5.

New deal gets Rahal back in Indianapolis 500

INDIANAPOLIS — Former Indy 500 winner Bobby Rahal's team is back in business.

Rahal announced Wednesday he has reached a deal with a new sponsor to put veteran Spanish

driver Oriol Servia in the cockpit of his No. 17 car for this month's Indianapolis 500.

Servia started 25th in last year's 500 and finished 11th.

Rahal has not competed in the IndyCar series this year after losing his primary sponsor. The team's one-race deal is with DAFCA, a company that provides security services against cyber terrorism. Rahal won the 1986 Indy 500 as a driver, and his team won an Indy title in 2004 with driver Buddy Rice.

Jayson Taylor ends up back with Dolphins

MIAMI — Jason Taylor rejoined the Miami Dolphins.

Taylor's agent, Gary Wichard, says the linebacker signed a \$1.5 million, one-year contract Wednesday with Miami.

Taylor played his first 11 seasons with Miami before being traded to the Washington Redskins. He was released by Washington last winter after one injury-plagued season.

The New England Patriots courted Taylor, but he wanted to return to Miami so he could be close to his family during the season.

Ex-NBA player gets one year on drug charges

HAMILTON, Ohio — Former NBA player and University of Cincinnati star Corie Blount was sentenced to one year in prison Wednesday in a plea arrangement resulting from drug charges.

Blount, 40, had pleaded guilty in Butler County Common Pleas Court last month to two felony counts of marijuana possession after prosecutors dropped two trafficking charges.

Blount was arrested Dec. 4 after sheriff's deputies intercepted 11 pounds of marijuana sent to

him at a relative's house.

Investigators said they found 18 more pounds in a subsequent search of his home.

Although Judge Craig Hedric did not sentence Blount to the maximum 10 years in prison, he rejected Blount's claim that the marijuana was intended for personal use and to share with friends.

"Cheech and Chong would have had a hard time smoking that much," he told Blount.

Hedric fined Blount \$10,000 and ordered him to surrender two vehicles and \$34,000 in cash seized in the bust.

Blount was a first-round draft pick by the Chicago Bulls in 1993.

In an 11-year NBA career, he also played for the Los Angeles Lakers, Cleveland Cavaliers, Phoenix Suns, Philadelphia 76ers and Toronto Raptors.

Dungy says Vick seeks second chance after prison

INDIANAPOLIS — Former Indianapolis Colts coach Tony Dungy says Michael Vick wants a second chance when he's out of prison.

Dungy met with Vick last week at the federal penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kan., where Vick is serving a 23-month sentence for bankrolling a dogfighting conspiracy.

Dungy spoke Wednesday at a workshop in Indianapolis for offenders seeking jobs. He compared Vick's situation as he hears his release from prison to theirs.

Dungy didn't discuss details of his visit with Vick, but told The Associated Press that the former Atlanta Falcons quarterback knows he made a mistake.

Vick is to be transferred May 21 to home confinement in Hampton, Va. It is scheduled to last through July.

Menchov takes fifth stage as Armstrong loses time

ALPI DI SIUSI, Italy — Denis Menchov won the fifth stage of the Giro d'Italia in a grueling uphill finish Wednesday and Lance Armstrong lost nearly three minutes to the leaders.

Danilo Di Luca crossed second and took the overall leader's pink jersey. Menchov covered the 77.68-mile leg that began in San Martino di Castrozza in 3 hours, 15 minutes, 23 seconds.

British Masters dropped from European Tour

BALTRAY, Ireland — The British Masters has been dropped from this year's European Tour schedule after it was unable to find a new sponsor.

The tournament is one of the oldest events on the tour and has been staged every year since 1946. It was dropped from this year's calendar after Quinn Insurance's sponsorship came to an end and no replacement could be found.

It had been planned for Sept. 17-20 at The Belfry, where it was staged the past three years.

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THE CANADIAN PRESS, DARRYL DYCK/AP

The Vancouver Canucks' Kevin Bieksa, right, and the Chicago Blackhawks' Martin Havlat exchange punches during Game 1 of the teams' Western Conference semifinal series in Vancouver, British Columbia, on April 30. Fighting penalties are up this season over the 2008 NHL playoffs. In 2008, 14 fighting majors were issued in 85 games. Through 66 games in this year's playoffs, there have been 31.

Fighting for the Cup

These NHL playoffs feature more punches than in seasons past

BY IRA PODELL
The Associated Press

NEW YORK
Fighting in hockey has reared its ugly head again, this time in the playoffs in the form of two badly battered faces.

The debate over fighting's place in the NHL was stoked during the regular season following the death of a senior-league player in Canada and an on-ice seizure after a bout in the AHL during which a player struck his head.

General managers discussed the concerns, but the consensus was that punches are as big a part of the game as pucks.

Traditionally, fisticuffs were far less common in the playoffs because the games were too important to risk spending time in the penalty box. Those whose primary job was to fight often found themselves out of the lineup because they didn't offer enough upside to justify their inclusion.

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CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Boston Bruins defenseman Aaron Ward, left, stands at the ready as Carolina Hurricanes right wing Scott Walker drops his glove to throw a punch in the third period of Game 5 during the Eastern Conference semifinal series Sunday in Boston. Ward did not retaliate. Walker was fined \$2,500, but not suspended.

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